

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: April 18, 2019

In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into the Impact of Severe Weather in January and February 2019 on Utility Operations and Service

PUC Docket Number(s): E,G-999/CI-19-160

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes May 20, 2019 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes May 30, 2019 at 4:30pm

Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.

Issues: What impact did the cold weather in January and February 2019 have on utility operations and service? Were there lessons learned from this severe weather event that can be used to keep utility systems operating reliably and safely under extreme, challenging circumstances in the future?

Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Natural Gas Utilities - reinforcement projects and curtailment activities
- Electric Utilities – actual and forecasted status of resources
- Communication with the public during severe cold weather
- Lessons learned and next steps
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Background: The Commission opened this inquiry to gather information and gain a better understanding of the impact of severe weather in January and February 2019 on utility operations and service.

At the Commission's Planning Meeting of February 28, 2019 each of the gas utility Local Distribution Companies (LDCs), each of the Investor Owned electric utilities, and the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) provided a presentation and responded to questions regarding their operations during the severe cold weather event that occurred between January 28 and February 1, 2019.

On March 18, 2019, the Commission issued its Notice of Comment Period—Information From Utilities which requested follow-up information on several topics including lessons learned from this severe weather event and next steps.

The utilities have now provided this information and the Commission seeks comments on the utility informational filings.

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