

**NOTICE OF SCHEDULE FOR FILING EXCEPTIONS TO THE ALJ'S REPORT AND  
REQUEST FOR MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION TO FILE  
SCHEDULES REFLECTING THE ALJ'S RECOMMENDATION**

Issued: September 25, 2018

**In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Authority to  
Increase Rates for Natural Gas Service in Minnesota**

**PUC Docket Number(s):** G-011/GR-17-563

**OAH Docket Number:** 8-2500-34864

**Comment Period:** Exceptions to the Administrative Law Judge's Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendation (ALJ's Report) are requested by Monday, October 8, 2018, pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 7829.2700, subpart 1. Replies to these exceptions are not permitted, pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 7829.2700, subpart 2.

Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC) is to file a pro forma rate base, income statement, and revenue requirement summary, a schedule of the class revenue allocations and all billing determinants, a detailed schedule supporting the calculation of the base cost of gas, and bridge schedules, that reflect the test year revenue requirement and rate design recommended by the ALJ, by Monday, October 1, 2018.<sup>1</sup>

Comments on MERC's pro forma informational summaries and schedules are requested by Monday, October 8, 2018 at 4:30 pm.

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

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<sup>1</sup> For the base cost of gas, MERC should use the projected demand cost and commodity cost of gas filed on June 1, 2018, in Docket No. G-011/M-17-563, adjusted by the ALJ's recommendations. In addition, MERC is requested to submit a supplemental filing by Monday, October 1, 2018, in Docket No. G-011/M-17-564, to provide an update to its base cost of gas. These two filings are for informational purposes.

**Topic(s) Open for Comment:**

- The ALJ's Report, and
- MERC's pro forma financial summaries and schedules that reflect the test year revenue requirements and rate design recommended by the ALJ.

**Background:**

On September 21, 2018, Administrative Law Judge Eric Lipman issued his Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendation in this matter. The Commission expects to hear oral argument in this matter on Monday, November 5, 2018, and to deliberate on Thursday, November 8, 2018. The schedule for these two meetings is potentially subject to change and will be provided in a future notice.

**Filing Requirements:** Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies are **required** to file documents using the Commission's electronic filing system (eFiling). All parties, participants and interested persons are encouraged to use eFiling: [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc), select *eFiling*, and follow the prompts.

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