

## NOTICE OF SHORTENED COMMENT PERIODS

*Issued: October 16, 2017*

**In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation to Establish New Base Cost of Gas Factors to Coincide with the Implementation of Interim Rates in its General Rate Case Filing in Docket No. G-011/GR-17-563**

**PUC Docket Number: G-011/MR-17-564**

**Comment Period:** Initial comment period closes October 23, 2017 at 4:30pm  
Reply comment period closes October 30, 2017 at 4:30pm

*Comments must be received by 4:30pm on the close date*

*Comments received after comment period closes may not be considered*

### **Topic/s Open for Comment:**

- The September 29, 2017 petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation to Establish New Base Cost of Gas Factors

**Project Background:** On September 29, 2017, Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (“MERC” or “the Company”) submitted its petition to establish new base cost of gas factors, to coincide with the implementation of interim rates in its general rate case filing, in Docket No. G-011/GR-17-563. This miscellaneous filing matches MERC’s proposed interim retail billing rates with the gas costs used to calculate MERC’s proposed interim rate revenue. This filing eliminates the current monthly purchased gas adjustment (PGA) factors, which represents the difference between MERC’s current base costs approved in Docket No. G-011/GR-15-736, and the new base gas costs used in MERC’s current general rate filing in Docket No. G-011/GR-17-563.

Pursuant to Minn. Rule, part 7829.1275, the time period for submitting comments on this petition to establish a new base cost of gas is hereby varied and will end on October 23, 2017. The time period for submitting reply comments is also varied and will end on October 30, 2017.

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