

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: February 13, 2019

In the Matter of a Request by Minnesota Power for a Modification to its Service Extension Tariff

PUC Docket Number(s): E-015/M-12-1359

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes March 15, 2019 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes March 25, 2019 at 4:30pm

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

Issue: Minnesota Power's Annual Service Line Extension Compliance Filing

Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Are the proposed updates to Minnesota Power's service extension allowances and tariff reasonable?
- Is the proposed increase in the residential service extension allowance reasonable?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Background: On October 7, 2013, the Commission, in its *Order Modifying Service Extension Tariffs And Requiring Further Filings*, in this docket, stated that

The Commission will continue to treat a five-percent change in service-extension costs as an event triggering reexamination of service-extension allowances, but will require an annual report on these costs instead of merely requiring notification when they cross the five-percent threshold.

On January 30, 2019, Minnesota Power submitted its Annual Compliance Filing. Minnesota Power's filing contains the updated average embedded cost of service extensions, the updated calculations from the Compatible Unit Estimator (CUE) software program for the per-foot charge for service extensions of 1,000 feet or less, and the revised tariff sheet reflecting the new per-foot charge and the new residential and general service/municipal pumping – three-phase allowances applicable in 2019. Among other things, Minnesota Power proposes to increase the residential and general

service/municipal pumping – three-phase service-extension allowances by more than five percent.

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