

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: March 29, 2019

In the Matter of a Petition by CenterPoint Energy to Introduce a Five-Year Renewable Natural Gas Pilot Program

PUC Docket Number(s): G-008/M-18-547

Comment Period: Response Comments may be provided by April 8, 2019 at 4:30pm
Reply comments are requested by April 18, 2019 at 4:30pm

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

Issue: CenterPoint Energy's Request for a Five-Year Renewable Natural Gas Pilot Program

Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- The modifications proposed on March 1st to CenterPoint Energy's pilot program and the supplemental information submitted by CenterPoint Energy on March 25, 2019.
- Should CenterPoint Energy's pilot program be approved with or without modification?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Background: On August 23, 2018, CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas, (CenterPoint Energy) filed its petition to introduce a five-year renewable natural gas pilot program.

On January 9, 2019, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department) submitted *Comments* in which it requested CenterPoint Energy provide additional information in *Reply Comments*, and in which it stated that the Department would offer additional comments and recommendations in subsequent response comments.

The Commission also received comments and letters from: (1) the City of Minneapolis, (2) the Partnership on Waste and Energy, (3) the Center for Resource Solutions, (4) Energy Vision, (5) Bioeconomy Coalition of Minnesota, (6) the Coalition for Renewable Natural Gas, (7) Fresh Energy, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, and the Sierra Club, and

(8) the Minnesota Office of the Attorney General, Residential Utilities and Antitrust Division.

On March 1, 2019, CenterPoint Energy and Fresh Energy, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, and the Sierra Club (Environmental Intervenors) submitted reply comments. In its *Reply Comments*, CenterPoint Energy proposed to withdraw its request for a shareholder incentive and its request for deferred accounting for program costs. The Environmental Intervenors maintained their objection to CenterPoint Energy's pilot program.

On March 25, 2019, CenterPoint Energy submitted additional information.

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