

The Commission met on **Thursday, July 24, 2003**, with Chair Koppendrayer and Commissioners Johnson, Reha, and Scott present.

**Comment [COMMENT1]:** Minutes by Carol Casebolt. 1 motion was made.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission.

## ENERGY AGENDA

### **G,E-999/AA-02-950**

In the Matter of the 2002 Annual Automatic Adjustment of Charges for All Gas and Electric Utilities

Commissioner Scott moved that the Commission take the actions set forth below:

- (1) Accept the 2001-2002 annual automatic adjustment reports as filed, revised, and supplemented by the electric utilities as being in general compliance with Minn. Rules 7825.2390 through 7825.2920.
- (2) Accept the compliance filings submitted with the 2001-2002 annual automatic adjustment reports as filed, revised, and supplemented by the electric utilities as being in general compliance with Commission orders.
- (3) Require Interstate Power and Light Company to continue to refine its forecasting methods and to include in next year's annual report (for FY 2003) an analysis of whether a forecasted fuel clause adjustment with a true-up would be appropriate to implement at that time.
- (4) Accept the 2001-2002 annual adjustment reports as filed, revised, and supplemented by the gas utilities as being complete as to Minnesota Rules, parts 7825.2390 through 7825.2920.
- (5) Require all gas utilities to meet with their independent auditors to review the requirements of Minn. Rules 7825.2820 and proposed auditing procedures before the auditors begin their work in preparation for the utilities' next annual automatic adjustment reports.
- (6) Require all gas utilities to provide a specific justification for each piece of information for which the designation of trade secret is claimed in their annual reports and true-up filings. Require the companies to limit the designation "trade secret" to words, numbers, or phrases that are actually trade secret and not to designate entire paragraphs or pages which contain the trade secret words, numbers, or phrases.
- (7) Ask the Department of Commerce to include the same information in its 2003 Report as was included in the 2002 Report, with the exception of the section on the Kansas Ad Valorem Tax refunds. Permit reporting on those refunds to be discontinued, unless new issues requiring Commission action arise.
- (8) Disallow rate recovery of \$18,506 in punitive DDVC costs incurred by Great Plains Natural Gas Company and require the company to include the disallowed amount in the true-up for the upcoming Annual Automatic Adjustment report due on September 1, 2003.
- (9) Require Great Plains Natural Gas Company to credit \$15,452.78 in curtailment revenues to the commodity cost of gas, to include the curtailment revenues in the true-up for the upcoming Annual Automatic Adjustment report due on September 1, 2003, and to pay interest on \$15,452.78 in curtailment revenue from September 1, 2001 until September 1,

- 2003.
- (10) Accept Great Plains Natural Gas Company's proposed true-ups in Docket Nos. G-004/AA-02-1465, G-004/AA-02-1466, and G-004/AA-02-1467 and authorize the company to implement those true-ups, subject to the treatment of DDVC costs and curtailment revenues set forth in items 8 and 9.
  - (11) Accept the true-ups proposed by Interstate Power and Light Company – Gas Utility and authorize Interstate to implement them, as set forth in Department of Commerce Attachment G6 of the Department's report.
  - (12) Find that both Aquila Networks – PNG and Aquila Networks – NMU have complied with the reporting requirements of Docket No. G-007,011/A1-01-1573.
  - (13) Defer action on the true-ups proposed by Aquila Networks – PNG and Aquila Networks – NMU in Docket Nos. G-011/AA-02-1448, G-011/AA-02-1449, G-011/AA-02-1450, and G-007/AA-02--1447 until the Commission has taken up a pending settlement agreement involving these and other dockets.
  - (14) Accept the true-ups proposed by CenterPoint Energy Minnegasco in Docket No. G-008/AA-02-1453 for the company's Northern service area and Docket No. G-008/AA-02-1452 for its Viking service area.
  - (15) Accept the true-ups proposed by Xcel Energy – Gas Utility, as revised on January 10, 2003 in Docket No. G-002/AA-02-1470, and require the company to adjust the true-up balances carried forward to the 2002-2003 true-up accordingly.
  - (16) Vary Minn. Rules 7825.2400 and 7825.2500 to permit Xcel Energy – Gas Utility to pass through its purchased gas adjustment certain fixed costs associated with its Predictable Price program.
  - (17) Vary Minn. Rules, part 7825.2910, subpart 1 to allow the Department of Commerce to discontinue submitting quarterly summaries of the monthly purchased gas adjustment reports and to allow the Commission to discontinue its periodic review of these summaries.

The motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: AUGUST 6, 2003**

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**Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary**