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Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary

STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF ORAL ARGUMENT TIMES AND PROCEDURES

Issued: September 9, 2014

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota

PUC Docket Number: G-011/GR-13-617

OAH Docket Number: 8-2500-31126

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 18, 2014

Time: 9:30 a.m.

(Deliberations will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2014.)

Oral Argument Times:

Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation	25 minutes
Super Large Gas Intervenors	5
Constellation New Energy-Gas Division	5
Office of Attorney General-Antitrust & Utilities Division	20
Department of Commerce	25
Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation - Rebuttal	10

The parties named above have been allotted times for oral argument but are not mandated to appear. Oral argument by phone is not allowed at this meeting, except for extenuating circumstances. Staff encourages commenters with similar positions to combine their remarks. Time used for questions from the Commission and responses do not count against the allotted times.

Case Background: On August 12, 2014, Administrative Law Judge Eric L. Lipman issued his Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendations ("ALJ's Report") in this matter. On August 25, 2014, Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation ("MERC"), the Office of Attorney General-Antitrust and Utilities Division, and the Department of Commerce submitted comments taking exception to various aspects of the ALJ's Report.

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