



STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

October 15, 2010

To: Official Service List

Re: In the Matter of the Application of Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. for Authority to Increase Rates for Natural Gas Service in the State of Minnesota  
Docket No. G-022/GR-09-962

From: Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary 

Subject: Approval of Customer Notice for Final Rates

On October 15, 2009, the Commission issued its NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING, and delegated authority to its Executive Secretary to approve notices and bill inserts for the duration of this proceeding.

On August 19, 2010, the Commission issued its FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER, and directed GMG to include in its compliance filing a proposed customer notice explaining final rates in this matter.

On August 31, 2010, Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. (GMG) submitted in its rate case compliance filing a proposed customer notice for final rates. On October 4, 2010, GMG informally submitted a revised version this proposed notice for final rates.

GMG's revised customer notice for final rates (please see attached) is approved.

This document can be made available in alternative formats (i.e., large print or audio) by calling 651.296.0406 (voice). Persons with hearing or speech disabilities may call us through Minnesota Relay at 1.800.627.3529 or by dialing 711.

Attachment

[www.puc.state.mn.us](http://www.puc.state.mn.us)

# New Natural Gas Rates Approved

## **New Rates Begin with the Enclosed Bill**

On August 21, 2009, Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. (GMG) filed a request with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for a natural gas rate increase of \$806,061 or 16.3 percent annually.

## **MPUC Approves New Rates**

On August 19, 2010, the MPUC approved GMG's annual revenue increase of \$806,061.

Under the final order, the monthly Facility Fee for residential customers is increased from \$8.00 to \$8.50, and the per Ccf Distribution Charge increases to \$.44433 from \$.2750.

**These rates are effective for service rendered on and after November 1, 2010.**

## **No Refunds Will Be Issued On Interim Rates**

State law allowed GMG to collect an interim (temporary) rate increase while the MPUC considered our rate request. GMG began collecting interim rates of \$766,604 or 16.0 percent of annual revenues, on October 20, 2009. Since the final rate increase is greater than the interim rate increase, GMG will not charge customers the difference and there is no refund obligation.

*For the final approved rates please see the reverse side of this sheet.  
Thank you.*



# New Rate Structure and Impact by Customer Class Effective 11/1/2010

## Rates Vary Based On Customer Class (Type)

Rate changes will affect individual monthly bills differently depending on the amount of natural gas used and the customer's rate class. Bills will also vary because the wholesale cost of natural gas changes each month. Your monthly bill is made up of three basic categories: (1) Facility Fee, (2) Distribution Charge, and (3) the Cost of Gas. The facility fee is a fixed monthly rate and will not change, the distribution charge is a fixed rate per Ccf (cubic hundred feet) that will fluctuate with the amount of gas used, and the cost of gas is passed through to customers with no mark up.

**Previous and New Rates Effective November 1, 2010:** The table below explains the final rates per customer class including the new customer monthly facility fee and distribution charge rates.

	Customer Class (Type)	New Monthly Facility Fee (Eff. 11/1/10)	Previous Monthly Facility Fee	New Distribution Charge per Ccf (Eff. 11/1/10)	Previous Distribution Charge per Ccf	Example of How The Rate Increase Would Impact Monthly Bill	Average Monthly Usage	Average Monthly Bill with New Rates	Average Monthly Bill with Previous Rates
Firm	Residential	\$8.50 / month	\$8.00 / month	\$0.44433/Ccf	\$0.27500/Ccf		83 Ccf	\$101	\$87
	Commercial/Industrial								
	- 0 to 1,999 Ccf/year	\$10.00/month	\$8.00 / month	\$0.42633/Ccf	\$0.27500/Ccf		70 Ccf	\$87	\$74
	- 2,000 to 4,999 Ccf/year	\$40.00/month	\$25.00/month	\$0.39633/Ccf	\$0.23500/Ccf		376 Ccf	\$441	\$365
	- 5,000 to 9,999 Ccf/year	\$100.00/month	\$75.00/month	\$0.37633/Ccf	\$0.21000/Ccf		907 Ccf	\$1,039	\$868
	- 10,000 Ccf or more/year	\$200.00/month	\$150.00/month	\$0.36133/Ccf	\$0.2000/Ccf		5,384 Ccf	\$4,552	\$4,221
Interruptible	Agriculture	\$20.00/month for 10 months (Dec.-Sept.)	\$12.50/month for 10 months (Dec.-Sept.)	\$0.23131/Ccf	\$0.12000/Ccf		471 Ccf	\$436	\$365
		\$200.00/month for 2 months (Oct.-Nov.)	\$125.00/month for 2 months (Oct.-Nov.)						
	Industrial	\$275.00/month	\$175.00/month	\$0.25131/Ccf	\$0.14000/Ccf				



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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Margie DeLaHunt, hereby certify that I have this day, served a true and correct copy of the following document to all persons at the addresses indicated below or on the attached list by electronic filing, electronic mail, courier, interoffice mail or by depositing the same enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
APPROVAL OF CUSTOMER NOTICE FOR FINAL RATES**

Docket Number **G-022/GR-09-962**

Dated this **DAY** day of **MONTH, 2010**

/s/ Margie DeLaHunt

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