

E-015/GR-87-223 GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME FOR COMPLIANCE FILING

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Barbara Beerhalter	Chair
Cynthia A. Kitlinski	Commissioner
Norma McKanna	Commissioner
Robert J. O'Keefe	Commissioner
Darrel L. Peterson	Commissioner

In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Power & Light Company, d/b/a Minnesota Power, for Authority to Change Its Schedule of Rates for Retail Electric Service in the State of Minnesota

ISSUE DATE: September 14, 1988

DOCKET NO. E-015/GR-87-223

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME FOR COMPLIANCE FILING

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On May 16, 1988 the Commission issued its Order After Reconsideration in the above-captioned general rate case. That Order required Minnesota Power (the Company) to make a compliance filing detailing its treatment of certain litigation expenses in its fuel clause within 45 days of a Court of Appeals decision on the issue.

On September 6, 1988 the Company filed a request for an extension of time to make the compliance filing, stating that the Court of Appeals had remanded the issue to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The Company requested that it be allowed to make the filing no later than 45 days from the date of the FERC decision on remand.

No party opposed the request.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that the Company's request for an extension of time is reasonable and should be granted. As the Commission found earlier, principles of administrative efficiency favor deferring this compliance filing until the underlying legal issues have been resolved. There is little to be gained by considering a filing which may subsequently have to be revised and reconsidered.

The length of the requested extension is reasonable. Finally, neither the public interest nor any party's interests will be prejudiced by the delay.

ORDER

1. The Company is granted an extension of time until 45 days from the FERC's decision on remand to make its compliance filing detailing its treatment of the litigation expenses at issue in the FERC appeal.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Mary Ellen Hennen
Executive Secretary

(S E A L)