

## NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Issued: February 4, 2022

**In the Matter of a Commission Investigation into the Impact of Severe Weather in February 2021 on Impacted Minnesota Natural Gas Utilities and Customers**

**Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Number: G-999/CI-21-135**

### Related PUC Dockets:

**Docket No. G-008/M-21-138 – In the Matter of the Petition of CenterPoint Energy for Approval of a Recovery Process for Cost Impacts Due to February Extreme Gas Market Conditions**

**Docket No. G-004/M-21-235 – In the Matter of the Petition by Great Plains Natural Gas Co., a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., for Approval of Rule Variances to Recover High Natural Gas Costs from February 2021**

**Docket No. G-002/CI-21-610 – In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy to Recover February 2021 Natural Gas Costs**

**Docket No. G-011/CI-21-611 – In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Approval of a Recovery Process for Cost Impacts Due to February Extreme Gas Market Conditions**

**OAH Docket Number: 71-2500-37763**

### Background

On February 23, 2021, the Commission held a special planning meeting to hear comments from the rate regulated natural gas utilities, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department), and the Minnesota Office of the Attorney General–Residential Utilities Division (OAG), on the impact of the cold weather in February 2021 (February Event) on the natural gas utilities and their customers.

On March 2, 2021, the Commission issued its ORDER OPENING INVESTIGATION, and directed the impacted natural gas utilities to file information related to the February Event.

Between March 16 and April 9, 2021, CenterPoint Energy, Xcel Energy – Gas, Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation and Great Plains Natural Gas Co. submitted filings outlining their respective recovery proposals of February Event costs.

On August 4 and 5, 2021, the Commission met to consider the utilities’ proposals and, on August 30, 2021, the Commission issued an order referring recovery of extraordinary costs to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for a contested proceeding. That proceeding is currently ongoing.

On January 27, 2022, the Commission’s Executive Secretary sent OAH a letter requesting that virtual public hearings be held in early March 2022. As outlined below, Commission Staff worked with OAH in selecting the date and times for the hearings.

### Public Hearings Dates, Times, and Instructions

Hearings will be held on March 3, 2022 at 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Anyone who wishes to participate can do join via telephone or the internet by following the instructions below.

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<b>March 3, 2022 1 pm</b>	<b>March 3, 2022 6 pm</b>
Phone: 1-855-282-6330	Phone: 1-855-282-6330
Access Code: 2498 923 7063	Access Code: 2493 269 8672

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<b>March 3, 2022 1 pm</b>	<b>March 3, 2022 6 pm</b>
Event Number: 2498 923 7063	Event Number: 2493 269 8672
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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
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St. Paul MN 55101

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