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NG16-014 - In the Matter of Commission Staff's Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Farm Tap Customers

Date Filed: 11/09/16 ♦ Intervention Date: 11/21/16 ♦
Date of Notice of Filing: 11/10/16 ♦ Pending

Service List

Agendas:

January 17, 2017, Agenda of Commission Meeting
November 22, 2016, Agenda of Commission Meeting

Minutes:

Minutes of January 17, 2017, Commission Meeting
Contact Cheri Whittler at [Precision Reporting](#) to order a written transcript of the Commission Meeting, January 17, 2017 (NG16-014)
Minutes of November 22, 2016, Commission Meeting

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Information Guide Regarding Farm Tap Customers Involvement

Application for Party Status

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HEARING:

Hearing shall commence at 10:00 a.m. CST, on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, in the Matthew Training Center, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota

- [11/30/16 - Order For and Notice of Hearing](#)
- [Recording](#)
- [Sign-In Sheet](#)
- Contact Cheri Whittler at [Precision Reporting](#) to order a written transcript of the Hearing, December 14, 2016 (NG16-014)

Motion Hearing shall commence at 1 :30 p.m. CDT, on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, in Rm. 413, Capitol Building, Pierre, South Dakota

- [02/28/17 - Order for and Notice of Petition for Rehearing and Motion for Judicial Notice & Petition for Reconsideration Hearing](#)
- [Recording](#)
- [Sign-In Sheet](#)

Orders:  Orders are in Adobe Acrobat *.pdf format

- [11/23/16 - Order Granting Intervention \(MDU, Northern, and NorthWestern\)](#)
- [11/30/16 - Order For and Notice of Hearing](#)
- [12/30/16 - Order Setting Final Motion Hearing and Decision Date](#)
- [01/19/17 - Order Denying Request for Deferral](#)
- [01/19/17 - Order Granting Motion for Judicial Notice](#)
- [01/19/17 - Order Denying Motion to Reopen the Record, Take Judicial Notice and Correct the Record](#)
- [01/24/17 - Declaratory Ruling Regarding Farm Taps](#)
- [02/28/17 - Order for and Notice of Petition for Rehearing and Motion for Judicial Notice & Petition for Reconsideration Hearing](#)
- [03/20/17 - Order Denying Petition for Reconsideration of Declaratory Ruling](#)
- [03/20/17 - Order Denying Petition for Rehearing and Motion for Judicial Notice](#)

Filed Documents:

- [11/09/16 - PUC Staff's Letter regarding Declaratory Ruling](#)
 - [Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Farm Tap Customers](#)
 - [Staff Memorandum](#)

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- Certificate of Service
- 11/14/16 - NorthWestern Energy's Sample Letter Sent to South Dakota Customers regarding this Docket
- 11/15/16 - NorthWestern Energy's Letter to Northern Natural Gas regarding Termination Notice - South Dakota Farm Tap Services
- 11/18/16 - Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Application for Party Status and Certificate of Service
- 11/21/16 - Northern Natural Gas Company's Petition to Intervene
- 11/21/16 - NorthWestern Energy's Petition to Intervene
 - Certificate of Service
- 11/23/16 - Northern Natural Gas' Email to Commissioners
 - Attachment - Northern Natural Gas' Sample Letter sent to Farm Tap Customers of NorthWestern Energy in South Dakota
- 12/07/16 - Initial Brief of Northern Natural Gas and Certificate of Service
 - Attachment A - Northern and Peoples 1987 Agreement
 - Exhibit 1 - Service to be Performed by Peoples
 - Attachment B - Illustration of the Typical Equipment at a Farm Tap Setting
 - Attachment C - Affidavit of Keith L. Petersen
 - Attachment D - InterNorth and UtiliCorp Farm Tap Sale Agreement
 - Attachment E - Annual Report for Blanket Certificate Activities 2011- FERC Docket No. CP12-251-000
- 12/07/16 - NorthWestern Energy's Brief in Response to Commission Staff's Petition for Declaratory Ruling
 - Exhibit A - Agreement between Northern Natural Gas Company and Peoples Natural Gas Company
 - Exhibit 1 - Service to be Performed by Peoples
 - Exhibit 2 - List of Counties Where Peoples Operates
 - Exhibit B - Partial Assignment of Agreement between Northern Natural Gas Company and Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation
- 12/12/16 - Motion for Leave to File Supplemental Brief and Supplemental Brief of Northern Natural Gas Company and Certificate of Service
 - Attachment 1 - Easement
- 12/12/16 - Staff's Reply Brief
 - Attachment 1 - Affidavit of Boice Hillmer
 - Exhibit A - Northern Natural Gas' Letter to PUC
 - Exhibit B - Northern Natural Gas' Annual Report to PHMSA
 - Certificate of Service
- 12/13/16 - Northern Natural Gas' Letter regarding Comments to Staff's Reply Brief
 - Attachment A - Emails
 - Attachment B - Annual Report for Blanket Certificate Activities 2011- FERC Docket No. CP12-251-000
- 12/15/16 - Northern Natural Gas Company' Sample Invitation for Open House Meetings Sent to Farm Tap Customers of NorthWestern Energy
- 12/20/16 - PUC Staff's Letter regarding Negotiations with Northern Natural Gas and Northwestern Energy
- 12/23/16 - Northern Natural Gas Company's Motion to Reopen the Record, Take Judicial Notice and Correct the Record and Certificate of Service
- 12/30/16 - PUC Staff's Motion for Judicial Notice
 - Certificate of Service
- 01/03/17 - Northern Natural Gas Company's Letter to South Dakota Legislators
- 01/03/17 - Northern Natural Gas Company's Letter to Farm Tap Landowners
 - Attachment - Northern Natural Gas Company's Letter to South Dakota Legislators
- 01/04/17 - NorthWestern Energy's Letter to Northern Natural Gas Easement Holders
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- 01/05/17 - NorthWestern Mailing List to Northern Natural Gas Easement Holders Confidential (Excel Format) **(not available to the public)**
- 01/09/17 - Staff's Response to Northern Natural Gas Company's Motion
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- 01/09/17 - PUC Staff's Letter regarding January 9, 2017, Discussion Among the Parties

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- 01/09/17 - NorthWestern Energy's Response in Support of Staff's Motion for Judicial Notice
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- 01/09/17 - NorthWestern Energy's Objection to Northern Natural Gas Company's Motion to Reopen the Record
 - Certificate of Service
- 01/11/17 - PUC Staff's Letter regarding Deferring the Docket at the January 17, 2017, Commission Meeting
- 01/12/17 - Stipulation and Request for Deferral
- 02/01/17 - Notice of Appearance (Thomas J. Welk and Jason R. Sutton) for Northern Natural Gas
 - Certificate of Service
- 02/17/17 - Northern Natural Gas Company's Petition for Rehearing
 - Exhibit A - Transcript of Proceedings for December 14, 2016
 - Exhibit B - Transcript of Proceedings for January 17, 2017
 - Northern Natural Gas Company's Motion for Judicial Notice
 - Exhibit C - Order Opening Investigation and Requesting Comments, Docket No. G-999/CI-99- 1365, 1999 WL 33595203 (Minn. P.U.C. 1999)
 - Exhibit D - Order Accepting Farm-Tap Safety Inspection Programs and Closing, Docket No. G-999/CI-999-1365, G-007/M-99-641, 2000 WL 668943 (Minn. P.U.C. 2000)
 - Exhibit E - Request for Approval of Tariffs that Establish Minimum Safety Standards for Farm Taps As a Condition of Service and Creation of a Mandatory Testing Program; Utility Replacement and Ownership of Customer-Owned Natural Gas Service Lines; Authorization for Recovery of Replacement Capital Costs; and Request for an Accounting Order to Defer Testing Costs until the Company's Next Rate Case; Iowa Utilities Board, Docket No. SPU-2015-0039
 - Certificate of Service
- 02/23/17 - NorthWestern Energy's Petition for Reconsideration of Declaratory Ruling
 - Certificate of Service
- 03/07/17 - Staff's Response to Motions for Rehearing and Reconsideration
- 03/08/17 - Staff's Certificate of Service
- 03/09/17 - Northern Natural Gas Company's Answer to NorthWestern Energy's Petition for Reconsideration of Declaratory Ruling
 - Certificate of Service
- 03/09/17 - NorthWestern Energy's Objection to Northern Natural Gas Company's Motion for Judicial Notice
 - Certificate of Service
- 03/09/17 - NorthWestern Energy's Answer to Northern Natural Gas Company's Petition for Rehearing
 - Attachment 1 - Iowa Office of Consumer Advocate's Filing to the Iowa Utilities Board - Motion to Strike Northern Natural Gas Company's Brief
 - Attachment 2 - Northern Natural Gas Letter to Nebraska Public Service Commission and Petition of Formal Intervention Out-of-Time
 - Attachment 3 - Picture of Farm Tap
 - Certificate of Service
- 03/10/17 - NorthWestern Energy's Reply to Staff's Response and Northern Natural Gas Company's Answer
 - Certificate of Service
- 03/13/17 - Northern Natural Gas Company's Reply Brief in Support of Motion for Judicial Notice
- 03/13/17 - Northern Natural Gas Company's Reply to NorthWestern Energy's Answer to Northern Natural Gas company's Petition for Rehearing
 - Certificate of Service