

1-3 UNIT PROPERTY UTILITY DATA ACCESS FOR TIME-OF-RENT POLICY

On February 2, the City of Minneapolis provided Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy with the following proposed Board motion for consideration at the Q1 Board meeting:

Partnership Activity EE.5 in the 2019-2021 Work Plan affirms that the Partners will “collaboratively reduce barriers and develop utility tools when necessary to ease compliance” with the City’s residential energy disclosure policies.

In order to support compliance with the City’s time-of-rent energy disclosure policy, which takes effect on September 1, 2021, Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy in their respective annual filings due by March 1, 2021 for DOCKET NO. E,G-999/M-19-505 will recommend and support the PUC’s consideration of property owners as an additional use case. Specifically, Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy will recommend to the PUC that property owners of buildings with 3 or fewer utility customers be provided monthly average energy use information regarding units in their properties over the previous twenty-four (24) months, to ensure equivalent streamlined and widespread compliance with local ordinances as property owners of buildings with 4 or more utility customers.

Furthermore, Planning Team staff will present an agenda item at the Q2 2021 CEP Board meeting regarding the above utility filings and about progress toward implementation of the City’s time-of-rent ordinance.

Without agreement leading up to the meeting on the proposed Board motion, the City will opt to not formally introduce the motion for a vote at the Q1 Board meeting.

The City requests, as an agenda item at the Q2 Board meeting, that the utilities each summarize what they filed on March 1 for the aforementioned docket with specific attention to Question 7c within, regarding which additional use cases should be considered by the PUC. Also, each utility is requested to compare and contrast the utility processes that 1-3 unit and 4+ unit building landlords could navigate to access, compile, and disclose utility energy data for ordinance compliance.