

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Refund for Minnesota Customers for January 2018 through April 2019 Gas Service

Minnesota customers of Great Plains Natural Gas Co. (Great Plains) who were billed for natural gas service during the months of January 2018 through April 2019 will see a one-time bill credit on their gas bill issued between August 14, 2019 and September 16, 2019. This refund is associated with the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act passed into law in late December 2017.

On December 22, 2017, Public Law 115-97 (known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act or TCJA) took effect, reducing the marginal federal income tax rate for corporations from a maximum 35 percent to a flat 21 percent, starting in 2018. On December 29, 2017, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) initiated Docket No. E, G-999/CI-17-895 to determine the effects of the new law on the rates and services of Minnesota's rate-regulated electric and gas utilities. On December 5, 2018, the Commission issued an Order requiring Great Plains to reduce its natural gas rates a total of \$395,206 or approximately 1.7%. A TCJA refund for the period January 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019 was also to be applied to customers' accounts no later than September 1, 2019. New natural gas rates were implemented May 1, 2019.

The TCJA refund plan approved by the Commission provides for the refunding of \$603,457 to Minnesota customers through a one-time bill credit on their natural gas bill to be applied by September 1, 2019. Each customer's refund is based on their actual January 2018 through April 2019 consumption.

The bill credit is shown as a separate line item in the Account Summary section of your bill and will be identified as "Gas Tax Act Refund".

