



**Minnesota Public Utilities
Commission
Decisions
PUC Agenda Meeting**

121 7th Place East
Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Thursday, September 8, 2016

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS

DELIBERATION ITEMS

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **IP6961/CN-16-215 Blazing Star Wind Farm, LLC**
In the Matter of the Application of Blazing Star Wind Farm, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the 200 Megawatt Blazing Star Wind Project in Lincoln County, Minnesota.
- Should the Commission accept the certificate of need application as substantially complete?
 - Should the Commission direct that the application be evaluated using the informal review process or refer the application to the Office of Administrative Hearings for contested case proceedings?
 - Should the Commission vary the time limits of its rules that relate to application completeness? (PUC: **Ek**)

Accept application as complete. Authorize use of informal review process. Vary Minn. R. 7849.0200, subp. 5.

2. * **E002/GS-15-834 Northern States Power Company**
In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company for a Site Permit for the 215 MW Black Dog Unit 6 Project in Burnsville, Minnesota.
- Should the Commission approve the proposed findings of fact?
Should the Commission find that the Environmental Assessment and the record on this project adequately address the issues identified in the Scoping Decision? Should the Commission issue a site permit for the proposed natural gas electric generating facility? (PUC: **Panait**)

Approve proposed Findings of Fact, environmental assessment. Issue site permit as amended with conditions.

3. * **E119,143/SA-16-354** **Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative;
Lake Region Electric Cooperative**
In the Matter of the Joint Request of Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative and Lake Region Electric Cooperative for Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Service Territory. (PUC: Twite; DOC: Lusti)
Approve territory transfer. Affected landowners to receive notice, have 20 days to object.
4. **P3028/RV-16-453** **Coast International, Inc.**
In the Matter of the Revocation of Coast International, Inc.'s Certificate of Authority. (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Linscheid)
Revoke authority.
5. ** **P999/CI-16-302** **All Local Service Providers**
In the Matter of the Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) Review.
 1. Should the Commission issue any clarifications with respect to the TAP program as a result of the FCC Lifeline Modernization Order?
 2. Should the Commission take any other action? (PUC: **McCarthy**)**Find that (1) programs that confer eligibility for the federal Lifeline program also confer eligibility for Minnesota's Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP), and (2) customers may not use TAP credits to pay for stand-alone broadband service.**

ADJOURNMENT

* One star indicates agenda item is unusual but is not disputed.

** Two stars indicate a disputed item or significant legal or procedural issue to be resolved. (Ex Parte Rules apply)

Please note: For the complete record, please see eDockets