



# Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

## Decisions

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Thursday, April 18, 2019

9:30 AM

Small Hearing Room

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### INTRODUCTION

### DECISION ITEMS

1. \* **E,G002/S-18-654 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**  
In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of its 2019 Capital Structure and Permission to Issue Securities.

Should the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's proposed 2019 capital structure and grant permission to issue long-term and short-term securities?  
(PUC: **Krishnan, Schwieger**)

**Attachments:** [Briefing Papers](#)

**Approved.**

2. \*\* **E,G999/CI-17-895; All Commission Rate Regulated Electric  
E017/GR-15-1033 and Natural Gas Utilities**  
In the Matter of a Commission Investigation into the Effects on Electric and Natural Gas Utility Rates and Services of the 2017 Federal Tax Act;  
In the Matter of the Application of Otter Tail Power Company for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in the State of Minnesota.

1. Should the Commission approve the utilities' TCJA-related compliance filings?
2. Should the Commission reopen its October 30, 2017 Order Approving Compliance Filing and Provisionally Approving Transmission Cost Recovery Rider Rate in Otter Tail Power's rate case, Docket No. E-017/GR-15-1033, to correct certain LGS rate elements? (PUC: **Alonso; Bartusch; Bender**)

**Attachments:** [Briefing Papers](#)  
[Deliberation Outline](#)

**Approved filings and ordered refunds.**

3. \*\* **E002/M-15-1089; Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy  
E002/M-17-828**  
In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of a Credit Mechanism to Return to Customers Department of Energy Settlement Payments;  
In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of the

2019-2021 Triennial Nuclear Decommissioning Study and Assumptions.

When and how should Xcel refund the Department of Energy's ninth settlement payment? (PUC: **Alonso**)

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**Approved compliance filing; authorized refunds related to ninth DOE settlement together with 2019 TCJA refund; required compliance filings.**

4. \* **G022/S-18-749** **Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.**  
In the Matter of Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s Petition for Approval of 2019 Capital Structure and Permission to Issue Securities.
1. Should the Commission require GMG to revise its accounting to reflect a five-year amortization of the change in GMG's deferred tax asset?
  2. Should the Commission modify GMG's petition for approval of 2019 capital structure and permission to issue securities as recommended by the Department?
  3. Does the Commission need to clarify the requirements for meeting the equity ratio target and equity ratio floor for 2020? (PUC: **Bender, Krishnan**)

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**Approved 2019 capital structure with conditions.**

5. **PULLED**  
\* ~~P999/PR-18-194~~ **Department of Commerce/TAM  
(Telecommunications Access Minnesota)**  
In the Matter of Proposed Amendment to TAM FY 2019 Budget.  
  
Should the Commission approve the proposed amendment to the TAM FY 2019 budget? (PUC: **McCarthy**)
6. \*\* **E015/M-18-250; Minnesota Power;  
E017/M-18-247; Otter Tail Power Company;  
E002/M-18-239 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**  
In the Matter of Minnesota Power's 2017 Annual Service and Reporting Standards;  
In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's 2017 Annual Service and Reporting Standards;  
In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2017 Electric Annual Service and Reporting Standards.
1. Should the Commission accept Minnesota Power's, Otter Tail Power's, and Xcel Energy's Service and Reporting Metrics for 2017? (PUC: **Martone**)

**Attachments:**    [Briefing Papers](#)

**Accepted service-quality reports; set requirements for future filings.**

7.    **\*\* E002/M-19-29**                      **Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**  
      In the Matter of Appeal of Independent Engineer Report for the Sunshare Linden Project.
1.    Should the Commission strike from the record the statements identified with redline strikethrough in Xcel Energy's Motion to Strike, Attachment A?
  2.    Should the Commission accept, modify or reject the findings and recommendation of the Independent Engineer (IE) and require Xcel Energy to act on these decisions? (PUC: **Rosier, Panait**)

**Attachments:**    [Briefing Papers](#)  
                          [Revised Decision Options](#)

**Accept 4/5/19 filing as resolving motion to strike; parties to file settlement.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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