



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

Thursday, January 31, 2019

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. **P5502/RV-18-536** **Association Administrators, Inc.**
In the Matter of the Revocation of Association Administrators, Inc.'s Certificate of Authority. (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Linscheid)

Attachments: [DOC Comments 11-2-18](#)

Certificate revoked.

2. **P6375/RV-18-540** **Tele Circuit Network Corporation**
In the Matter of the Revocation of Tele Circuit Network Corporation's Certificate of Authority. (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Linscheid)

Attachments: [DOC Comments 9-19-18](#)

Certificate revoked.

3. * **G007,011/GR-10-977;** **Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation**
G011/GR-15-736
In the Matter of an Application by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota.

Should the Commission accept MERC's annual revenue decoupling report for the period ended December 31, 2017, and approve MERC's revenue decoupling rate adjustments? (PUC: **Alonso, Hetherington**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Report accepted.

4. * **E002/GR-13-868;** **Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**
E002/GR-15-826
In the Matter of an Application by Northern States Power Company for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in Minnesota.

Should the Commission accept Xcel's annual revenue decoupling report for the period

ended December 31, 2017, and approve Xcel's revenue decoupling rate adjustments?
(PUC: **Alonso, Hetherington**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Report accepted.

5. * **G999/AA-17-493, et al All Commission-Regulated Natural Gas Utilities**
In the Matter of the Review of the 2016-2017 Annual Automatic Adjustment Reports and Annual Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) True-up Filings.

Should the Commission accept the natural gas utilities' 2016-2017 annual automatic adjustment reports and 2016-2017 annual true-up filings? (PUC: **Bender, Bartusch**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Reports and filings accepted, future reporting requirements established.

6. * **G002/M-18-631 Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of a Three-Year Variance to the Purchased Gas Adjustment Rules to Allow Recovery of a Storage-Related Cost of Natural Gas in the State of Kansas.

Should the Commission approve Xcel Energy's request for a three-year variance to the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Rules to allow recovery of a storage-related cost of natural gas in the state of Kansas? (PUC: **Bartusch**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Variance approved.

7. ** **G002/PA-18-294 Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval to Sell Two Liquid Propane Fuel Storage Tanks, Associated Equipment, and Real Property (Subject Property) to Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend, LLC.
1. Should the Commission find the appraised market value of the subject property to be reasonable and in the public interest, and approve the Asset Purchase Agreement between Xcel and Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend, LLC?
 2. Should the Commission approve Xcel's proposal to pass the pre-tax gain on the overall transaction to customers?
 3. Should the Commission grant a variance to Minnesota Rules 7825.1800, subpart B to allow Xcel not to provide the information set forth in Minnesota Rules 7825.1400, items F through I?
 4. Should the Commission cap recovery of propane delivery costs to the Sibley

- propane facility at the amount currently recovered in base rates?
5. What action should the Commission take regarding the continued recovery of the subject facility in base rates? (PUC: **Krishnan, Brill**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Approved sale with conditions.

8. ** E015/GR-16-664 Minnesota Power

In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in Minnesota.

1. Should the Commission grant the Large Power Intervenor's (LPI's) request for reconsideration of the Commission's November 28, 2018 Order Approving Compliance Filing And Requiring Revised Interim-Rate Refund Plan (November 28, 2018 Order)?
2. If the Commission grants LPI's request for reconsideration, should the Commission amend its November 28, 2018 Order as requested by LPI? If the Commission denies LPI's request for reconsideration, should the Commission approve Minnesota Power's (MP's) revised interim rate refund plan?
3. If the Commission approves MP's revised interim rate refund plan, should the Commission grant LPI's request for a stay of MP's proposal to implement the revised interim rate refund plan? (PUC: **Schwieger, O'Grady, Harding, Bartusch**)

The Commission has the authority to accept or decline a petition for reconsideration **with or without** a hearing or oral argument (Minnesota Rules 7829.3000, Subpart 6) In other words, a decision on a petition for reconsideration can be made without taking oral comments at the Commission meeting.

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Denied reconsideration; denied stay; approved compliance filing.

9. ** E002/M-13-867 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy, for Approval of Its Proposed Community Solar Garden Program.

Should the Commission reconsider or clarify any of its decisions in the November 16, 2018 Order Adopting Adder and Setting Reporting Requirements, in the above-cited matter? (PUC: **Mackenzie**)

The Commission has the authority to accept or decline a petition for reconsideration **with or without** a hearing or oral argument (Minnesota Rules 7829.3000, Subpart 6) In other words, a decision on a petition for reconsideration can be made without taking oral comments at the Commission meeting.

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)**Reconsideration petitions denied and November 16, 2018 order clarified.**

10. * E002/M-18-239; Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy;
 E017/M-18-247; Otter Tail Power Company;
 E015/M-18-250 Minnesota Power
- In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2017 Electric Annual Service Quality Performance Report and Proposed Reliability Measures;
 In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's 2017 Annual Safety, Reliability and Service Quality Report and Proposed SAIFI, SAIDI, and CAIDI Reliability Standards for 2018;
 In the Matter of Minnesota Power's 2018 Safety, Reliability and Service Quality Standards Report.

Should the Commission approve Xcel Energy's, Otter Tail Power's, and Minnesota Power's proposed reliability standards for 2018? (PUC: **Terwilliger**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)**Utilities' reports accepted, 2018 reliability standards set, and future reporting requirements set.**

11. ** E002/M-13-867 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy
- In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company, dba Xcel Energy, for Approval of Its Proposed Community Solar Garden Program.
1. Should the Commission approve Xcel's calculation of the 2019 Value-of-Solar (VOS) rate or make some or all of the modifications proposed by the Department of Commerce (DOC) and parties?
 2. Should the Commission require changes in the VOS methodology or the annual update and review process? (PUC: **Mackenzie**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)**New rate adopted. Xcel ordered to justify future parameter changes. Process established for revising VOS methodology.****ADJOURNMENT**

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