

The Commission met on **Thursday, January 12, 2017**, with Chair Heydinger, and Commissioners Lange, Lipschultz, Schuerger, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

ENERGY FACILITIES AGENDA

IP-6846/WS-10-798

In the Matter of the Site Permit for the up to 41 Megawatt Trishe Wind Minnesota Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Kandiyohi and Meeker Counties

Commissioner Tuma moved to revoke the site permit issued on February 8, 2011, to Lake Country Wind Energy, LLC, and amended June 3, 2013, and transferred to Trishe Wind Minnesota, LLC on December 3, 2014, for the up to 41 megawatt Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Kandiyohi and Meeker counties, Minnesota.

The motion passed 5–0.

ENERGY AGENDA

E-002/M-15-985

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy, for Approval of a Renewable*Connect Pilot Program

Chair Heydinger moved that the Commission:

1. Approve Xcel Energy's proposals for implementing the Renewable*Connect and Renewable*Connect Government on a pilot basis.
2. Authorize Xcel Energy to dedicate a portion of recently contracted resources for these pilot programs:
 - a. up to 50 MW of wind from Odell Wind Farm and 25 MW of solar from the North Star Solar Project for the Renewable*Connect Pilot Program;
 - b. an additional allocated portion of 3.3MW of the Odell Wind Farm and the North Star Solar Project for the pilot tranche of Renewable*Connect Government Pilot Program.
3. Provide that the order in this matter supersedes orders in Docket Nos. E-002/M-13-603, E-002/M-13-716, and E-002/M-14-162, which pertain to resources identified for the pilot programs.

4. Approve Xcel's proposed Renewable*Connect and Renewable*Connect Government tariffs, Service Agreements and Addendums.
5. Direct the Company to file annual reports each April 1 after the first full year of operation as listed in its filing. The annual report shall contain:
 - a. Total number of participants broken down by customer class, and by length of contract, including "special events";
 - b. Total wind production;
 - c. Total solar production;
 - d. Total Renewable*Connect expenses;
 - e. Total Renewable*Connect Government expenses;
 - f. Total Amount collected in Renewable*Connect charges;
 - g. Total Amount collected in Renewable*Connect Government charges;
 - h. The Tracker balances as shown in Attachment H of Xcel's filing;
 - i. Monthly comparisons of Renewable*Connect Pricing for participants with the Fuel Charge for nonparticipant customers;
 - j. Impact of Renewable*Connect pilots on all nonparticipant customers;
 - k. Impact on all Xcel Ratepayers through updates in base rates;
6. Direct Xcel to make a supplemental filing in the pending biennial RES docket (Docket No. E-999/M-16-83) explaining how its proposed program in the current docket affects its ability to comply with the 2020 Renewable Energy Standard.
7. Require Xcel to adjust its MISO accredited wind and solar capacity assumptions to reflect MISO's updated values for 2016/2017 planning year.

The motion passed, 5–0.

Commissioner Lange left the meeting.

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission require Xcel to provide in its Annual Automatic Adjustment reports a separate section discussing the pilot program's impact on non-participants and the effectiveness of the neutrality charge to address any potential cost shift between participants and nonparticipants.

The motion passed, 4–0.

Chair Heydinger moved that the Commission require that the Company's annual Renewable*Connect reports also include information on the number of terminations and an accounting of termination fees.

The motion passed, 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: April 12, 2017

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Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary