



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

121 7th Place East
Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN
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Monday, November 21, 2016

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS

DELIBERATION ITEMS

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **E015/TL-14-21** **Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for a Route Permit for the 500 kV Great Northern Transmission Line Project in Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Beltrami, Koochiching and Itasca Counties.

Should the Commission approve the minor alteration request?
If the minor alteration is approved, should any conditions be required?
(PUC: **Kaluzniak**)

Authorized Minor Alteration with additional conditions; Requested EERA to provide recommendation on historic structure in plan and profiled review.

2. * **IP6646/WS-16-618** **Red Pine Wind Farm, LLC**
In the Matter of the Application of Red Pine Wind Farm, LLC for a Site Permit for the 200.1 Megawatt Red Pine Wind Project in Lincoln County, Minnesota.

Should the Commission accept the site permit application as substantially complete?
What procedural process should the Commission authorize for evaluation of the site permit application?
Should the Commission vary the time limits of its rules that relate to application completeness and draft permit issuance? (PUC: **Kaluzniak**)

Accepted site permit application as complete with additional modifications to be provided by Applicant; set procedural and filing requirements; delegated authority to Executive Secretary; and varied rules.

3. * **G011/AI-16-284** **Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation**
In the Matter of the Petition for Approval of the Affiliated Interest Agreement with WEC Energy Group and Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation. (PUC: Kaml, Bender; DOC: Kamara)

Approved affiliated interest agreement with modifications and conditions.

4. ** **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.

Should the Commission grant Xcel's petition for reconsideration of the Commission's September 6, 2016 Order in this 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.

Denied petition for reconsideration.

5. ** **E123/CG-16-241** **Minnesota Valley Cooperative Light & Power Association**
In the Matter of a Complaint of Larry Fagen against Minnesota Valley Cooperative Light & Power Association.

Can a cooperative electric association require a customer to be compensated via the "kWh carry forward" method under Minn. Stat. §216B.164 Subd. 3(f)?

If a customer installed a solar system prior to July 1, 2015 and expanded it after July 1, 2015, is all, part, or none of the combined system subject to the 2015 amendments to Minn. Stat. §216B.164?

Is Minnesota Valley Cooperative Light & Power Association's minimum bill discriminatory against customers with distributed generation?

If the Commission finds in favor of Mr. Fagen on any of the issues, what are the appropriate remedies? (PUC: **Gonzalez**)

Found violations of statute; authorized attorneys' fees; and required further record development.

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