

The Commission met on **Thursday, March 3, 2016**, with Chair Heydinger and Commissioners Lange, Tuma, and Schuerger present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

ENERGY AGENDA

E-017/M-15-719

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Petition for Approval of the Annual Rate Update to its Environmental Upgrades Cost Recovery Rider

Commissioner Lange moved to take the actions set forth below:

1. Approve OTP's 2015 ECR Rider and OTP's proposal to keep the current ECR Rider rate in effect, with the understanding that the Commission's decision in this case does not preclude the Commission from making a different decision on IRS Private Letter Rulings in proceedings that have different facts.
2. Require OTP to address in its next ECR Rider filing all estimated sources of revenues and credits (e.g., any revenues associated with emission allowances or tax credits) and any actual revenues and credits received since the date that the rider went into effect, by year.
3. Require OTP to provide a status report in its next quarterly Advance Determination of Prudence progress report explaining any delays and identifying any associated costs resulting from the completion of the AQCS project.

The motion passed 4-0.

E-017/M-15-874

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Petition for Approval of its Transmission Cost Recovery Rider Annual Adjustment

Commissioner Tuma moved to take the actions set forth below:

1. Approve the revenue requirement and resulting factors as presented in the Company's supplemental filing.
2. Do not allow the Company to apply a carrying charge to the tracker balance.
3. Require Otter Tail Power to make a compliance filing including updated tariff sheets within 15 days of the Commission's order.

The motion passed 4-0.

E-15/M-14-962

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Proposed 2015 Renewable Resources Rider and Factor

Chair Heydinger moved to take the actions set forth below:

1. Find that the Thompson Restoration Project costs are eligible for recovery effective as of January 1, 2015.
2. Approve Minnesota Power's proposed 2015 Renewable Resources Rider factors (as updated to include the Thompson Restoration Project) effective the first of the month following the Commission's order.
3. Require Minnesota Power, by the end of 2016, to file a new RRR or make a compliance filing in this docket demonstrating that the approved rates are still reasonable and will not result in an over-recovery during 2017.
4. Require Minnesota Power to make a compliance filing including updated tariff sheets within 30 days of the Commission's order.

The motion passed 4-0.

Chair Heydinger moved to take the actions set forth below:

1. Defer action on the issue of the North Dakota investment-tax credits to permit the Company to file any additional information or argument that it may wish to offer concerning why it accounts for these tax credits in the way it does and why it believes that treatment is consistent with the relevant accounting rules and prior decisions of the commission.
2. Require the Company's filing within 30 days of the date of the order and require any responsive filing within 14 days thereafter.

The motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: March 23, 2016



Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary