

The Commission met on **Thursday, September 10, 2020** with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Sullivan and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

**ET-2/TL-19-311**

**In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy for a Route Permit for a 115 kV High Voltage Transmission Line to Accommodate the Lake Eunice Substation Conversion in Becker County**

Commissioner Sullivan moved that the Commission:

1. Adopt the attached Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for the Lake Eunice 115 kV Transmission Line Project.
2. Find that the Environmental Assessment and the record created at the public hearing address the issues identified in the scoping decision.
3. Issue the attached route permit that identifies the route proposed by Great River Energy for its Lake Eunice 115 kV transmission line project and that includes specific requirements and conditions.
4. Authorize Commission staff to modify the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and route permit to correct typographic and formatting errors, improve consistency, and ensure agreement with the Commission's final order in the matter.

The motion passed 3—0.

**E-015/M-20-445**

**In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Power for Approval of its Annual Business Development Incentive (BDI) Rider Compliance Filing**

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

1. Accept the annual compliance filing and direct Minnesota Power to clarify in its tariff that a subscriber may receive the BDI discount rate at multiple delivery points as long as each delivery point independently qualifies.
2. Require Minnesota Power to file, within 10 days, a compliance filing that includes updated tariff language as required above and showing the reduction in the BDI threshold, as approved in Docket No. E-015/M-20-608.

The motion passed 3—0.

**E-015/M-20-608**

**In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Power to Lower the Business Development Incentive Rider Threshold for New Electric Demand from 350 kW to 250 kW to Further Enhance Economic Recovery**

Commissioner Sullivan moved that the Commission:

1. Approve Minnesota Power's proposal to reduce the BDI rider threshold demand requirement from 350 kW to 250 kW.
2. Require Minnesota Power to file, within 10 days, a compliance filing that includes updated tariff language showing the reduction in the BDI threshold.

The motion passed 3—0.

**P-999/CI-17-509**

**In the Matter of a Commission Investigation into the Appropriate Notice and Outreach Requirements for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers under 47 USC § 214(e)**

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

1. Require Mobile Wireless Lifeline-Only ETCs to, within seven days of enrolling a customer in Lifeline, and annually thereafter, distribute a notice to each Minnesota Mobile Wireless Lifeline-Only customer based on the CAO model notice and approved by the Executive Secretary, which contains the following information:
  - a. The ETC's name and customer service contact information;
  - b. The rights and responsibilities of the Lifeline subscriber;
  - c. Contact information for CAO;
  - d. A summary of the Lifeline program; and
  - e. Other related information, if necessary, including an opportunity to receive this notice in a different format per the customer's choice.
2. Delegate to the Executive Secretary the form, delivery, and schedule for Mobile Wireless Lifeline-Only ETCs to comply with the customer notice requirement.
3. Conduct workgroup meetings to discuss any matters not yet decided in this docket, to the extent workgroup meetings assist in creating consensus or a shared understanding of the issues originally raised in this docket. Issues that may be discussed in workgroup

meetings include, but are not limited to, Mobile Wireless Lifeline ETC application, ongoing compliance, and relinquishment requirements. The Executive Secretary shall determine the logistics and number of workgroup meetings. The workgroup meetings may also discuss opening a new docket to discuss the Commission's role with respect to ETCs, and the Commission may open the new docket at any time during the course of the workgroup meetings.

The motion passed 3—0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: December 16, 2020**

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**Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary**