



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

PUC Agenda Meeting

Thursday, July 16, 2026

10:00 AM

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. [Details 2025-274](#)

** E999/CI-24-352

All Electric Utilities

In the Matter of a Commission Investigation into a Fuel Life-Cycle Analysis Framework for Utility Compliance with Minnesota's Carbon-Free Standard.

Should the Commission grant the Petition for Reconsideration submitted by Clean Energy Organizations? (PUC: **Winner**)

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.

2. [Details 2026-048](#)

** PL9/CN-07-465

Enbridge Energy (Southern Lights) LLC

In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership and Enbridge Pipelines (Southern Lights) LLC for a Certificate of Need for the Alberta Clipper Pipeline Project and Southern Lights Project.

1. Should the Commission grant a request to reconsider its May 6, 2026, Order concerning the need for recertification?
2. Should the Commission grant a request to reconsider its May 6, 2026, Order requiring preparation of an environmental assessment worksheet? (PUC: **Janezich, Eknes**)

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3. [Details 2025-002](#)

***** IP7138/ESS-24-294; Midwater BESS, LLC
IP7138/TL-24-295**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Midwater BESS, LLC for a Site Permit and Route Permit for the up to 150 MW Midwater Energy Storage Project and Associated 161 kV Transmission Line in Freeborn County, Minnesota.

1. Should the Commission adopt the Administrative Law Judge's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendations?
2. Should the Commission find that the environmental assessment and the record created at the public hearings address the issues identified in the scoping decision?
3. Should the Commission issue a site permit for the 150 MW energy storage system?
4. Should the Commission issue a route permit for the 161 kV transmission line?
(PUC: **Harvieux**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

The following item will not be heard before 12:30 PM

4. [Details 2026-122](#)

**** E002/GR-21-630; Northern States Power Co. dba Xcel Energy
G002/GR-23-413**

In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy to Increase rates for Electric Service in the State of Minnesota;

In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy to Increase Rates for Gas Service in the State of Minnesota.

Should the prepaid pension asset be recovered through rate base, or by another method, and if so, how much prepaid pension asset should be included in rate base, and what rate of return? (PUC: **Manning**)

ADJOURNMENT

*** One star indicates that an agenda item is not disputed.**

**** Two stars indicate that an agenda item is disputed and there may be legal, procedural, or policy issues to be resolved.**

***** Three stars indicate a complex or lengthy disputed agenda item that may have significant legal, procedural, or policy issues to be resolved.**

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