



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

121 7th Place East
Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Thursday, December 10, 2015

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS

DELIBERATION ITEMS

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **P999/PR-15-15** **All Telecommunications Service Providers**
In the Matter of Intercarrier Compensation Reform Required by FCC Order regarding the Requirement by Providers of Local Telecommunications Services to revise their access charges by July 1, 2015. (PUC: O'Grady; DOC: Doherty, Linscheid) NOTE: Staff supports the Department's recommendation to close the docket.
Closed docket.

2. **E015/M-15-323** **Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of the Minnesota Power Company's (MP) 2014 Annual Safety, Reliability, Service Quality Report, and Proposed Annual Reliability Standards for 2015.

Should the Commission Accept MP's April 1, 2015 Safety, Reliability, service Quality Reports for 2014 and Its Proposed Annual Reliability Standards for 2015? (PUC: **Fournier**)

Accepted 2014 service-quality report and accepted proposed 2015 reliability standards.

3. **E117,015/SA-15-901** **Itasca-Mantrap Cooperative Electrical Association;**
Minnesota Power
In the Matter of the Joint Request of Itasca-Mantrap Cooperative Electrical Association and Minnesota Power for Approval of a Service Territory Agreement. (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Lusti)

Approved.

4. **EG002/M-15-881 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy's Request for a Variance to the Billing Error Rules. (PUC: Fournier; DOC: La Plante)
Approved variance; approved one-time modification to Billing Error Tariff to provide refunds to Customers A, B, and C.
5. **E002/M-15-730 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of the Petition of Xcel Energy for Approval of the Renewable Development Fund Annual Report, Tracker Account True-up, and Request for New 2016 Rate Rider Factor.

Should the Commission approve Xcel's 2016 RDF rate rider factor? (PUC: Mackenzie; DOC: Ouanes)
Approved 2016 RDF rate rider factor of \$0.000902 per kWh beginning January 2016; required updated tariff sheets within 30 days of order.
6. **** E002/CI-15-662 Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of an Alternative Rate Design Stakeholder Process for Xcel Energy.

What procedural action, if any, should the Commission take on alternative rate design for Xcel Energy? (PUC: **Twite, Bahn**)
Agreed to continue discussion of alternative rate design in instant docket; outlined procedural steps; delegated authority to Executive Secretary; agreed to take administrative notice of record from Docket 13-868 and testimony of CEO and ECC witnesses; required filings.
7. **** E002/GR-15-826 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in the State of Minnesota.

Should this filing be accepted, the proposed rates suspended, this matter referred to the Office of Administrative hearings, and interim rates set as requested by the Company? (PUC: **Dasinger, Morrissey, Alonso, Kaml, Krishnan, Twite, Bahn, Harding**)
Case accepted and referred for contested-case proceedings; proposed rates suspended; interim rates set.

8. * **E002/MR-15-827** **Northern States Power Company d/b/a
Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company
for Approval of a New Base Cost of Energy.

Should the Commission approve Xcel's proposed new base cost of
energy? (PUC: **Alonso, Morrissey**)

New base cost of energy set at \$0.026800 per kilowatt hour.

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