

The Commission met on **Thursday, November 5, 2015**, with Chair Heydinger, and Commissioners Lange, Lipschultz, Tuma, and Wergin present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

ENERGY AGENDA

E,G-002/AI-15-536

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of its 2016 Annual Cost Allocation Modifications to its Service Agreement with Xcel Energy Services

Commissioner moved to take the following actions:

1. Approve Xcel's proposed changes to the Customer Contacts Ratio language;
2. Require Xcel to fully direct charge all Claims Services Department's costs. Require any remaining indirect costs to be allocated using the General Allocator;
3. Approve Xcel's request to change the Supply Chain Department's cost allocator to the Invoice Transaction allocation Method;
4. Approve Xcel's request to change the Rates and Regulation Department's cost allocator to the Direct Labor Ratio;
5. If the Commission denies Xcel permission to use any of the newly implemented allocators, require Xcel 1) to make a compliance filing within 60 days that reconciles the revenue differences between the "old" and "new" method, and 2) to submit a refund proposal for any revenues the Company may have over-collected for potential inclusion in the 2015 true up under Docket No. 13-868 or in the 2016 test year under Docket No. 15-826, based on an analysis of the Department;
6. Require Xcel to submit the executed service agreement containing all of the changes approved by the Commission within 30 days of the Commission order in this matter, and
7. Approve the new Direct Labor Ratio, as described in Xcel's October 30, 2015 supplemental reply comments, for use beginning January 1, 2015.

The motion passed 5-0.

E-999/CI-15-115

In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into Standby Service Tariffs

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission:

1. Not initiate a generic proceeding on standby service; and
2. Require all rate-regulated utilities to file updated standby service tariffs no later than May 19, 2016.

The motion passed 5–0.

E-002/M-15-786

In the Matter of a Formal Complaint and Petition by SunShare, LLC for Relief Under Minn. Stat. 216B.1641 and Sections 9 and 10 of Xcel’s Energy Tariff Book

Chair Heydinger moved to take the following actions:

1. Find that the Commission has jurisdiction under Minn. Stat. § 216B.21 over the matters alleged in the complaint; do not address other possible bases for jurisdiction at this time.
2. Find that there are reasonable grounds to refer the matters alleged in the complaint to the independent engineer.
3. Refer SunShare’s complaint to the Minnesota Department of Commerce independent engineer as that process is outlined in the Commission’s August 6, 2015 order in Docket No. E-002/M-13-867. Direct the independent engineer to rely on industry standards, Commission orders, and Commission rules, including Minn. R. 7835.0800, in its consideration of the disputes.
4. Allow SunShare to file an amended complaint following review and determination by the independent engineer.

The motion passed 5–0.

Commissioner Tuma moved to require Xcel and SunShare to provide to the independent engineer, as soon as practicable but no later than ten days from the date of the Commission’s order in this docket, a list of disputed interconnection and engineering study issues, an explanation of each party’s position, and all supporting documentation that will enable engineering review.

The motion passed 5–0.

Commissioner Lipschultz moved to prohibit Xcel from canceling or removing from the queue any of Sunshare's projects for nonpayment prior to the independent engineer's review and resolution of the disputes.

The motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: December 30, 2015

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Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary