



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

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

Thursday, December 15, 2016

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS

DELIBERATION ITEMS

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **E015/M-15-876** **Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of its 2016 Boswell Energy Center Unit 4 Emission Reduction Rider Factor.
(PUC: Kaml, Schwieger; DOC: Shah)

Approved.

2. ** **E015/M-16-836** **Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of a Petition for Approval of an Amended and Restated Electric Service Agreement Between United States Steel Corporation and Minnesota Power

Should the Commission merge this docket with Minnesota Power's rate case docket, E015/GR-16-664, so as to fully assess whether the proposed electric service agreement is consistent with the public interest? (PUC: **Krishnan, Kaml**)

Approved proposed ESA with exception of trade secret provision; closed docket; referred issue to rate case; required supplemental testimony by January 13, 2017 on minimum firm-demand (take-or-pay) provisions), benefits and cost recovery.

3. ** **E015/M-16-648** **Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of a Petition for Approval of Deferred Accounting Treatment of Costs Related to the 2016 Storm Response and Recovery.

Should the Commission approve Minnesota Power's request for deferred accounting for costs related to the 2016 Storm? (PUC: **Alonso, Morrissey**)

Denied.

4. ** **E015/GR-16-664** **Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of the Application by Minnesota Power Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in Minnesota.
- Should this filing be accepted? If so, should the proposed rates be suspended, this matter referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings, and interim rates set as requested by the Company? Should the Commission accept Minnesota Power's Revised Interim Rate Increase?
Should the Commission consider Cost Recovery for Minnesota Power's Energy-Intensive Trade-Exposed Industries in this Rate Case? (PUC: **Harding, Kaml, Krishnan, Morrissey, O'Grady, Schwieger**)
- Rate Case Filing Accepted; proposed rates suspended; interim rates approved; referred to OAH.**
5. * **E015/MR-16-709** **Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Power for Approval of a New Base Cost of Fuel and Purchased Energy.
- Should the Commission approve Minnesota Power's proposed new base cost of fuel and purchased energy, which is to continue the existing rate of 1.018 cents per kilowatt-hour during the interim rate period? (PUC: **Morrissey, Schwieger**)
- Approved.**
6. * **E015/M-16-776** **Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Renewable Resources Rider and 2017 Renewable Factor.
- Should the Commission waive the Minn. Rule 7825.3200 requirement that utilities are to serve notice to the Commission at least 90 days prior to the proposed effective date of the modified rates and grant provisional approval of MP's rate request in this petition, effective January 1, 2017? (PUC: **Morrissey, Bender; DOC: Johnson**) NOTE: Staff recommends the Commission consider authorizing MP to implement its 2017 Renewable Factors on a provisional basis, beginning on the same date MP is authorized to implement interim rates.
- Approved.**

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)

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