



Meeting Date **June 6, 2024** **Agenda Item 1**

Docket No. **E,G/999-PR-24-21**

**In The Matter of Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Filings to the
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

Issue Should the Commission adopt Commission Sullivan’s May 29, 2024
motion regarding the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s new
transmission and cost allocation rule (Order No. 1920)?

Introduction

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission seeks to provide support of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s Order No. 1920. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission may elect support of Order No. 1920 in **Decision Option 1** paired with any of the decision options a-h.

Background

On May 13, 2024, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued Order No. 1920 to regulate the process for evaluating and selecting Long-Term Transmission Facilities by Transmission Providers. Order No. 1920 requires Transmission Providers to conduct long-term planning of at least 20 years and update the plan every 5 years. Transmission Providers are required to use seven factors to determine the region’s transmission facilities need and use seven benefit factors to select which projects address those identified needs. To allocate costs, Order No. 1920 requires Transmission Providers to file a default cost allocation methodology ten months after Order No. 1920 is filed in the Federal Register. Additionally, Transmission Providers may work with region territory states to create a State Agreement Process that allocates costs to a customized agreement for a proposed transmission facility.

Decision Options

1. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission supports the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s Order No. 1920 to the extent the Order promotes:
 - a. Long-Term Transmission Planning;
 - b. Reasonable transmission facility selection criteria;
 - c. Just and reasonable cost allocation of long-term transmission facilities;
 - d. Engagement with state officials in regard to cost allocation methodologies;

- e. Engagement with local transmission processes;
- f. Cost-effective and efficient “right-size” transmission facilities opportunities;
- g. the use of grid-enhancing technologies;
- h. A revised process to address interconnection queue congestion;