



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

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

Thursday, August 3, 2017

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. [Details
2017-143](#) * **E111/M-17-180** **Dakota Electric Association**
In the Matter of the Petition by Dakota Electric Association for
Approval to Implement a Contract Rate Service. (PUC: Krishnan;
DOC: Rakow)

Attachments: [DOC Comments 3-31-17](#)
[DEA Reply 4-10-17](#)

Petition approved.

2. [Details
2017-144](#) ** **G011/M-17-210;** **Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation**
G011/M-17-211;
G011/M-17-212
In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources
Corporation for Approval to Add Additional Customer Classes to the
Detroit Lakes-Long Lake New Area Surcharge Project;
In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources
Corporation for Approval to Add Additional Customer Classes to the
Ely Lake New Area Surcharge Project;
In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources
Corporation for Approval to Add Additional Customer Classes to the
Fayal Township Long Lake New Area Surcharge Project.

Should the Commission approve MERC's request to add additional
New Area Surcharge (NAS) surcharges for the Large Commercial
and Industrial (C&I), Small Volume Interruptible (SVI), and Large
Volume Interruptible (LVI) customer classes to previously approved
NAS projects?
Should the Commission require MERC to recalculate the previously
approved Residential and Small C&I NAS surcharges from Docket
Nos. 15-441, 15-776, and 16-221 to reflect the unanticipated
customer class growth?
Should the Commission require MERC to recalculate the Ely Lake
Small C&I surcharge to conform to MERC's customer class "customer
charge allocation" methodology used in determining monthly NAS

surcharges in other NAS dockets (Docket Nos. 15-441, 16-221, 17-210, 17-211, and 17-212)?
Should the Commission approve MERC's request to add additional NAS surcharges for the Large C&I (17-212), SVI (17-210, 17-211, and 17-212), and LVI (17-210, 17-211, and 17-212) customer classes not supported by customer growth? (PUC: **Brill**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Petition approved.

3. [Details](#) ** **G002/M-17-174** **Northern States Power Company d/b/a**
[2017-134](#) **Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of a Modification to Its Natural Gas State Energy Policy (SEP) Tariff, 2017 SEP Rate Factor, and 2016 SEP Compliance Filing.

Should the Commission require Xcel Gas to discontinue its SEP rider?

Should the Commission allow Xcel Gas to continue to recover assessment costs for Department Regional & National Duties under Minn. Stat. § 216B.62, Subd. 3b? And, if so, how should those costs be recovered?

Should the Commission allow Xcel Gas to continue to recover costs previously incurred for its Cast Iron Replacement Project which were authorized under Minn. Stat. § 216B.1637, Recovery of Certain Greenhouse Gas Infrastructure Costs, when the statute was repealed by the Legislature in 2013? And, if so, how should those costs be recovered? (PUC: **Schwieger**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Capped SEP rider but continued current recovery. Permitted recovery of admin costs. Barred ADIT proration in SEP rider before 7/1/2018. Approved 9.04% RoE.

The following item will not be heard before 10:00 AM

4. [Details](#) ** **PL9/CN-14-916;** **Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership**
[2015-134](#) **PL9/PPL-15-137**

In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership for a Certificate of Need for the Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Project in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border;

In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership for a Route Permit for the Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Project in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border.

What action should the Commission take concerning the appropriate process to use to bring the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) for Enbridge's proposed Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Project before the Commission to make a determination on the Final EIS's adequacy, as required under Minn. Stat. § 116D.04, subd. 2a(h) and Minn. R. 4410.2800, subp. 3? (PUC: **EK**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Set procedural schedule, seeking second ALJ to analyze and report on adequacy of Final EIS.

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