

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

Thursday, September 5, 2019

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. ** E002/M-18-643 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of Electric Vehicle Pilot Programs.

Should the Commission grant rehearing as requested by the Department of Commerce?

Should the Commission grant reconsideration as requested by the Xcel Large Industrials?

Should the Commission stay its Order as requested by the Xcel Large Industrials? (PUC: **Terwilliger**)

The Commission has the authority to accept or decline a petition for reconsideration with or without a hearing or oral argument (Minnesota Rules 7829.3000, Subpart 6) In other words, a decision on a petition for reconsideration can be made without taking oral comments at the Commission meeting.

Attachments: Briefing Papers

Recon denied; stay denied; filings approved.

2. ** E015/M-19-337 Minnesota Power

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of its Electric Vehicle Commercial Charging Rate Pilot.

Should the Commission approve Minnesota Power's petition for approval of its Commercial Charging Rate pilot program and associated tariffs? (PUC: **Bahn**, **Terwilliger**)

Attachments: Briefing Papers

Pilot approved with modifications; reporting requirements established.

3. * IP7003/CN-19-223; Regal Solar, LLC

IP7003/GS-19-395

In the Matter of the Application of Regal Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the up to

100 MW Regal Solar Project in Benton County, Minnesota; In the Matter of the Application of Regal Solar, LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 100 MW Regal Solar Project in Benton County, Minnesota.

- 1. Should the Commission accept the certificate of need application as substantially complete and authorize review using the Commission's informal process or refer the matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings for contested case proceedings?
- 2. Should the Commission accept the site permit application as substantially complete and authorize review under the alternative permitting process?
- 3. Should the Commission direct that the certificate of need and site permit applications be processed jointly (i.e., joint public information meetings, joint public hearings, and an environmental assessment in lieu of an environmental report)?
- 4. Should the Commission appoint an advisory task force for the siting of the proposed solar energy generating system?
- 5. What actions should the Commission take concerning the public hearing process and procedures?
- 6. Should the Commission vary the time limits of certain rules related to the processing of the applications? (PUC: **Ek**)

Attachments: Briefing Papers

Applications accepted pending submission of updated information.

4. ** IP7013,7014/CN- Big Bend Wind, LLC; 19-408 Red Rock Solar, LLC

In the Matter of the Request for Exemption from Certain Application Requirements for a Certificate of Need for the 335-MW Big Bend Wind Project and a Certificate of Need for a 75-MW Red Rock Solar Large Energy Facility with a 30-mile, 161-kV HVTL Transmission Line in Cottonwood County.

Should the Commission approve the requested exemptions to certificate of need filing requirements, approve variances, or make other determinations? (PUC: **DeBleeckere**)

Attachments: Briefing Paper

Exemptions to certain filing requirements granted with modifications; no decision on notice plan variance.

5. ** IP6946/WS-17-410; Freeborn Wind Energy LLC; IP6946/TL-17-322 Northern States Power d/b/a Xcel Energy

In the Matter of the Application of Freeborn Wind Energy LLC for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the 84 Megawatt Freeborn Wind Farm in Freeborn County:

In the Matter of the Application of Freeborn Wind Energy LLC for a Route Permit for the 161 kV Freeborn Wind Farm Transmission Line and Associated Facilities in Freeborn County.

Should the Commission authorize the Transfer of the Site and HVTL Route Permits for the Freeborn Wind Project? (PUC: **Kaluzniak**)

Attachments: Briefing Papers

Transfer request granted.

6. * E229/TL-18-755 Detroit Lakes Public Utilities

In the Matter of the Application of Detroit Lakes Public Utilities for a High Voltage Transmission Line Route Permit in Becker County, MN.

- 1. Should the Commission accept the route permit application as substantially complete?
- 2. What procedural process should the Commission authorize for evaluation of the route permit application?
- 3. Should the Commission appoint an advisory task force?
- 4. Are there any other actions the Commission should take? (PUC: Kaluzniak)

Attachments: Briefing Papers

Application accepted pending submission of updated information.

7. * IP2/LR-19-228 Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend, LLC

In the Matter of the Information Book for Owners and Tenants of Property along the Wescott Liquefied Petroleum Gas Pipeline Route in Dakota County, Minnesota.

Should the Commission approve the Information Book? (PUC: Panait)

Attachments: Briefing Papers

Information book approved with minor modifications.

8. * E999/M-19-276 All Electric Utilities Subject to the Solar Energy Standard

In the Matter of Annual Reports on Progress in Achieving the Solar Energy Standard. (PUC: Terwilliger; DOC: Peirce)

Attachments: DOC Comments 7-19-19

Reports accepted.

9. * G008/M-19-298 CenterPoint Energy

In the Matter of CenterPoint Energy's 2018 Conservation Improvement Program Status Report, 2018 Demand Side Management Financial Incentive, Conservation Improvement Program Tracker Report, and 2018 Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment Aggregated Compliance Filing. (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Davis)

Attachments: DOC Comments 6-28-19

CPE Reply Comments 7-11-19
CPE Reply Comments 7-26-19

Petition approved.

10. * E002/M-19-453 Northern States Power Company,

doing business as Xcel Energy

In the Matter of Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy's Petition for Solar*Rewards Program and Community Solar Garden Program Tariff Updates.(PUC; Rosier; DOC; Zajicek)

Attachments: DOC Comments 8-8-19

Proposed tariff update 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)

Please note: For the complete record, please see eDockets