

The Commission met on **Thursday, October 3, 2019**, with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Schuerger and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

**E-228,148/SA-19-504**

**In the Matter of the Joint Request of the City of Delano and Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association to Update Electric Service Territory Records**

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission approve the permanent service territory transfer from Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association to the City of Delano. The Minnesota Geospatial Information Office should update the Commission's maps to reflect the service area designation as shown on the map in the petition.

The motion passed 3–0.

**E-286,112/SA-19-526**

**In the Matter of the Joint Request of North Branch Water and Light Commission of the City of North Branch and East Central Energy for Approval to Update Electric Service Territory Records**

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission approve the permanent service territory transfer from East Central Energy to the North Branch Water and Light Commission. The Minnesota Geospatial Information Office should update the Commission's maps to reflect the service area designation as shown on the map in the petition.

The motion passed 3–0.

**E-999/M-19-12**

**In the Matter of Commission Consideration and Determination of Compliance with Renewable Energy Standards for Year 2018**

**E-999/PR-02-1240**

**In the Matter of the Green Pricing Verification Filing Process**

Chair Sieben moved that the Commission find that the identified utilities subject to Minn. Stat. § 216B.1691 have complied with the 2018 Renewable Energy Standard (RES) of 17% of annual retail sales (25% for Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel)).

The motion passed 3–0.

**E-002/M-18-78**

**In the Matter of Commission Consideration and Determination of Compliance with Renewable Energy Standards**

**E-999/PR-18-12**

**In the Matter of Renewable Energy Certificate Compliance Filing for Year 2017**

**E-015/PR-02-1240**

**In the Matter of Green Pricing Verification Filing Process**

Commissioner Sieben moved that the Commission:

1. Find that the identified utilities subject to Minn. Stat. § 216B.1691 have complied with the 2016 and 2017 standards of 17% of annual retail sales (25% for Xcel).
2. Find that the utilities subject to Minn. Stat. § 216B.1691 filed what appear to be reasonable plans to meet the RES standards for 2018-2019.

The motion passed 3–0.

**E-002/M-13-867**

**In the Matter of the Petition for Approval of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy of its Community Solar Program**

Chair Sieben moved that the Commission:

1. Amend Xcel's community solar garden (CSG) program reporting requirements as outlined in Attachment A. Find that this replaces the reporting requirements in the previous Commission orders in this docket, listed below.
  - a. Order Rejecting Xcel's Solar-Garden Tariff Filing and Requiring the Company to File a Revised Solar-Garden Plan (April 7, 2014), ordering paragraphs 3c and 23.
  - b. Order Approving Solar-Garden Plan with Modifications (September 17, 2014), ordering paragraph 9.
  - c. Order Clarifying Solar-Garden Application Process (February 13, 2015), ordering paragraph 3.
  - d. Order Adopting Partial Settlement as Modified (August 6, 2015), ordering paragraphs 1 (2.2.a.ii), 2, and 7.
  - e. Order Resolving Independent Engineer Appeals and Establishing Procedures for Future Disputes (November 1, 2016), ordering paragraph 5.
  - f. Order Adopting Adder and Setting Reporting Requirements (November 16, 2018), ordering paragraphs 5, 6, and 7.

2. Direct Xcel to discuss with the stakeholder workgroup:
  - a. Options to improve notification of CSG temporary disconnections due to planned outages;
  - b. Reasonable efforts to be made by the Company to reduce the amount and length of CSG temporary disconnections due to planned outages;
  - c. A table showing each Solar Rewards Community program number that was temporarily disconnected due to an Xcel planned outage, along with the outage start date, outage duration (in days), and a brief description of the purpose of the outage; and
  - d. Trade secret and cost data.
3. Xcel shall file an update and detailed summary of these discussions and proposed reporting requirements no later than January 30, 2020. Commission staff shall observe and may propose follow-up through one of the Commission's distributed generation workgroups as appropriate.

The motion passed 3–0.

**G-6956/M-15-856**

**In the Matter of Community Co-ops of Lake Park's Petition for an Exemption for a Small Gas Utility Franchise**

**G-6960/M-16-214**

**In the Matter of a Petition by United Natural Gas, LLC for approval of its Request for a Small Gas Utility Franchise Exemption**

**G-6977/M-17-186**

**In the Matter of a Petition by Lake Region Energy Services, Inc. for a Small Gas Utility Franchise Exemption**

**G-6915/M-13-672**

**In the Matter of the Petition of Dooley's Natural Gas LLC for Exemption for a Small Gas Utility**

**G-6915/M-16-756**

**In the Matter of a Petition by Dooley's Natural Gas II, LLC for a Small Gas Utility Franchise Exemption**

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission approve the compliance filings made by Community Co-ops of Lake Park, United Natural Gas, LLC, Lake Region Energy Services, Dooley Natural Gas I, LLC, and Dooley Natural Gas II, LLC, on or about May 1, 2019.

The motion passed 3–0.

**IP-7006/CN-19-309**

**In the Matter of the Application of Buffalo Ridge Wind Energy, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the 109.2 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Lincoln County, Minnesota**

This item was removed from the Commission's agenda.

**IP-7006/WS-19-394**

**In the Matter of the Application of Buffalo Ridge Wind Energy, LLC for a Site Permit for the 109.2 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Lincoln County, Minnesota**

This item was removed from the Commission's agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: May 27, 2020**

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**Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary**