



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

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

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Thursday, July 13, 2017

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

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**INTRODUCTION**

**ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS**

**DELIBERATION ITEMS**

**DECISION ITEMS**

1. **ET6133/RP-17-468 Minnesota Municipal Power Agency**  
In the Matter of Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (MMPA) Request for a One-Year Extension to August 1, 2018 to file its Integrated Resource Plan. (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Davis)

**Approved MMPA's request to delay filing its next IRP until August 1, 2018.**

2. \* **E999/M-16-83; All Electric Utilities Subject to**  
**E999/PR-16-12; Minnesota Statutes §216B.1691**  
**E999/PR-15-12**  
In the Matter of Commission Consideration and Determination on Compliance with Renewable Energy Standards;  
In the Matter of Renewable Energy Certificate Retirement Report for Compliance Year 2015;  
In the Matter of Renewable Energy Certificate Retirement Report for Compliance Year 2014.

What action should the Commission take on the RES plans filed by electric utilities? (PUC: **Martone, Rebholz**)

**Delegated authority to Executive Secretary to modify Biennial RES reporting form; found utilities subject to RES complied with 2014 and 2015 standards; and submitted reasonable plans for 2017.**

3. \* **IP6961/CN-16-215 Blazing Star Wind Farm, LLC**  
In the Matter of the Application of Blazing Star Wind Farm, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the up to 200 Megawatt Blazing Star Wind Project in Lincoln County, Minnesota.

- Should the Commission find that the environmental report and

the record created in this matter adequately address the issues identified in the environmental report scoping decision?

- Should the Commission grant a certificate of need for the up to 200 megawatt Blazing Star Wind Farm proposed in Lincoln County, Minnesota? (PUC: **Ek**)

**Found Environmental Report and record addressed Scoping Decisions issues; granted certificate of need.**

4. \* **IP6961/WS-16-686 Blazing Star Wind Farm, LLC**  
In the Matter of the Application of Blazing Star Wind Farm, LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 200 Megawatt Blazing Star Wind Project in Lincoln County, Minnesota

- Should the Commission adopt the administrative law judge's Summary of Public Testimony, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation?
- Should the Commission grant a site permit for the up 200 megawatt Blazing Star Wind Large Wind Energy Conversion System proposed in Lincoln County, Minnesota? (PUC: **Ek**)

**Adopted ALJ's FOF, Conclusions of law, and Recommendations; issued site permit incorporating ALJ and staff amendments; and authorized staff to make further refinements.**

5. \* **G6977/M-17-186 Lake Region Energy Services, Inc.**  
In the Matter of a Petition by Lake Region Energy Services, Inc. for a Small Gas Utility Franchise Exemption to Provide Natural Gas Services to the Municipalities of Deer Creek and Parkers Prairie.

Should the Commission approve Lake Region Energy Services, Inc.'s request for a small gas utility franchise exemption under Minnesota Statute § 216B.16, subdivision 12, to serve the communities of Deer Creek and Parkers Prairie? (PUC: **Bonnett, Brill**)

**Approved LREES' petition for exemption; clarified that approval limited to this docket and that LRES is subject to statutes, rules and reporting requirements; and required annual compliance filing.**

## 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