



# Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

## Decisions

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Monday, July 1, 2019

1:00 PM

Large Hearing Room

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### INTRODUCTION

### DECISION ITEMS

1. **E120,241/SA-19-331** **City of Glencoe;**  
**McLeod Cooperative Power Association**  
In the Matter of the Revised Joint Request of the City of Glencoe and McLeod Cooperative Power Association for Approval to Update Electric Service Territory Records. (PUC: Terwilliger; DOC: Lusti)

**Attachments:** [DOC Comments 6-4-19](#)

**Approved transfer; requested update of Commission maps.**

2. \* **E002/RP-19-368** **Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy**  
In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Integrated Resource Plan.
1. Should the Commission require Xcel Energy to include a bill insert regarding public input in its IRP?
  2. Should the Commission order one or more public hearings on this matter?
  3. Should the Commission take any other actions related to soliciting public input?  
(PUC: Terwilliger)

**Attachments:** [Briefing Papers](#)

**Required Commission approval of customer notices, development of advertisement plan. Delegated authority to Executive Secretary.**

3. \* **IP7006/CN-19-309** **Buffalo Ridge Wind Energy, LLC**  
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.

Should the Commission grant Buffalo Ridge Wind Energy, LLC's request for exemptions from certain certificate of need filing requirement? (PUC: Panait)

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**Granted.**

4. \*\* IP6946/WS-17-410                      **Freeborn Wind Energy LLC**  
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.

Should the Commission reconsider its May 10, 2019 Order Amending Site Permit for the Freeborn Wind Project? (PUC: **Kaluzniak**)

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.

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**Denied reconsideration.**

5. \*\* G999/CI-18-41                      **All Commission Rate Regulated Natural Gas Utilities**  
In the Matter of a Commission Investigation into Natural Gas Utilities' Practices, Tariffs and Assignment of Cost Responsibility for Installation of Excess Flow Valves and Other Similar Gas Safety Equipment.

1. Should the Commission accept the compliance filings of the natural gas utilities as complying with the Commission's August 20, 2018 Order?
2. How should the Commission respond to MERC's request for additional time to identify and communicate with specific customer groups?
3. Should the Commission require a periodic status report regarding the progress towards completion of the Commission's requirements?
4. Should the Commission make a determination regarding the appropriate cost recovery vehicle for incremental costs of the individual utilities' communication plans? (PUC: **Bonnett**)

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**Accepted filings with conditions; required MERC to file required info by 8-1-19.**

## 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**