

The Commission met on **Monday, July 1, 2019** with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Lipschultz, Means, Schuerger, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

E-120, 241/SA-19-331

In the Matter of the Revised Joint Request of the City of Glencoe and the McLeod Cooperative Power Association for Approval to Update Electric Service Territory Records

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

- a) Approve the permanent service territory transfer of the two affected area from McLeod Cooperative Power Association to the Glencoe Light and Power Commission;
- b) Ask MnGeo to update the Commission's maps to reflect the service area designation to so reflect.

The motion passed 5-0.

E-002/RP-19-368

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Integrated Resource Plan

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

1. Require the Company to give the following notice to its customers of its resource plan:
 - a) Individual written notice to each customer in Minnesota, which may be in the form of a bill insert or electronic communication for customers with e-billing;
 - b) Written notice to the governing bodies of all municipalities, counties, local governing bodies, and Minnesota Tribal Nations in the Company's Minnesota service area; and
 - c) Develop an advertisement plan for the Company's Minnesota service territory that may include social media, electronic, print, or other forms of public notice.
2. The Company shall submit the draft notices required above for Commission approval prior to publication or service. The Company shall submit draft notices to Commission staff within 30 days of the date of the Order in this docket.

3. The Commission delegates to the Executive Secretary the authority to approve customer notices, bill inserts, bill format, and any other communications for the duration of this proceeding.
4. The Commission shall refer this case to the Office of Administrative Hearings for the sole purpose of conducting one or more public meetings.
5. The bill insert required in Point 1 shall include information about the public meetings, and notices shall be sent at least ten days before the first public hearing.
6. The Commission requests that the Office of Administrative Hearings provide a written summary of the public meetings within 60 days of the date of the last public meeting.

The motion passed 5-0.

IP-7006/VN-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

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission grant the petition for exemptions from certain Certificate of Need application requirements for the Buffalo Ridge Wind Project with the conditions set for by the Department.

The motion passed 5-0.

IP-6946/WS-17-410

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

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission deny the petition for reconsideration of the May 10th order.

The motion passed 5-0.

G-999/CI-18-41

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

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Accept the compliance filings of CenterPoint Energy, GMG, Great Plains, and Xcel Energy as complying with the Commission's August 20, 2018 order;
2. Determine that MERC has yet to fully comply with ordering paragraph 7a and 7b of the Commission's August 20, 2018 order and require MEC to submit a compliance filing containing the required information by August 1, 2019;
3. Convene a planning meeting to discuss EFVs, curb valves, and related safety matters with MnOPS to find ways to partner and coordinate on educating the public regarding expanding the use of these and other important safety devices on the gas distribution network;
4. Require the utilities to submit an annual compliance report no later than March 31st each year through the 2025 reporting period listing its progress toward complying with OP 7a-c; and
5. Allow recovery of EFV costs through GUIC rider filings.

The motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: July 31, 2019



Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary