



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

Thursday, August 27, 2020

9:15 AM

Online via Webex

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **IP7026/CN-20-269; Walleye Wind, LLC**
IP7026/WS-20-384

In the Matter of the Application of Walleye Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the up to 110.8 MW Walleye Wind Project in Rock County, Minnesota;

In the Matter of the Application of Walleye Wind, LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 110.8 MW Walleye Wind Project in Rock County, Minnesota.

1. Should the Commission find the certificate of need and site permit applications complete?
2. What procedural process should the Commission authorize for evaluation of the certificate of need and site permit applications?
3. Should the Commission vary the time limits of its rules that relate to application completeness and draft permit issuance?
4. Should the Commission take any other action? (PUC: Kaluzniak)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Applications completed, required joint proceedings, informal review, granted rule variances, and set further requirements.

2. ** **P999/CI-20-359; All Local Service Providers**
P6422/M-20-354;
P6236/M-20-259

In the Matter of Local Service Providers' Filings under Minnesota Rules 7812.0600 and 7811.0600.

1. Should the Commission interpret its telecommunications rules to require a local carrier to obtain prior Commission approval before discontinuing a local service, if that carrier retains its certificate of authority?
2. What kind of customer notice should be required for local carriers discontinuing services to business customers? (PUC: **Fournier, Rebholz**)

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Rules varied. Compliance filing required.

3. **** E017/M-20-181 Otter Tail Power Company**
In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Request for Approval of Electric Vehicle Charging and Infrastructure Programs.

Should the Commission approve Otter Tail Power's EV Portfolio? (PUC: **Terwilliger**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Approved electric vehicle pilot program with modifications and set additional requirements.

The following items will not be heard before 10:45 AM

4. **** E002/M-20-503 Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of a One-Time Waiver to the Company Tariff Requirements for Peak Control Services.

1. Should the Commission approve the one-time waiver to the tariff for 2020?
2. Should Xcel file a compliance tariff reflecting the waiver? (PUC: **Manning**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Approved Xcel's petition and required compliance filing.

5. **** G004/M-20-395; All Commission Regulated Natural Gas Utilities**
G011/M-20-397;
G002/M-20-398;
G008/M-20-399;
G022/M-20-400

In the Matter of the Application of Great Plains Natural Gas, for Approval of its 2019 Gas Affordability Service Program Report;

In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Approval of its Gas Affordability Program 2019 Annual Report;

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation, for Approval of its 2019 Annual Gas Affordability Program Report;

In the Matter of the Application of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. for Approval of its 2019 Gas Affordability Program Report;

In the Matter of the Application of Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. for Approval of its Gas Affordability Program Annual Report for 2019.

1. Should the Commission accept the 2019 Gas Affordability Program (GAP) annual reports of Great Plains Natural Gas Co. (GPNG), Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC), Northern States Power Company (Xcel), CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas (CPE), and Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. (GMG)?
2. Should the Commission authorize CPE to increase its GAP surcharge rate from \$0.0000/Dth to \$0.0236/Dth beginning September 1, 2020?

3. Should the Commission authorize increase in Great Plains' GAP funding to \$70,000 annually?
4. Should the Commission allow Great Plains to increase its GAP surcharge rate from \$0.01393/Dth to \$0.02295/Dth?
5. Should the Commission affirm that CPE has adequately addressed Energy Cents' concerns regarding CPE's Outreach efforts for its GAP LIHEAP Customers? (PUC: **Ubani**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)
[Supplemental Decision Alternatives](#)

Accepted reports, authorized certain rate and funding increases, modified reporting requirements.

6. * **E015/M-11-409** **Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of a Rider for Customer Affordability of Residential Electricity (CARE) Program.

Should the Commission accept Minnesota Power's (MP) eight annual report on its Customer Affordability of Residential Electricity (CARE) Program? (PUC: **Ubani**)

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Accepted report.

7. ** **E015/S-20-279** **Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of its Capital Structure and Authorization to Issue Securities.

Should the Commission approve MP's proposed 2020 capital structure and authorize MP to issue securities? (PUC: **Krishnan, Manning**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Granted 2020 capital structure petition and granted permission to issue securities subject to conditions.

8. **PULLED**
** ~~**E015/M-19-523**~~ **Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Renewable Resources Rider and 2020 Renewable Factor.

Should the Commission approve Minnesota Power's 2020 Renewable Resources Rider factors with modifications? (PUC: **Hetherington, Bender, Larson**)

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)**

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