



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

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

Thursday, October 19, 2017

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **E111/M-17-482** **Dakota Electric Association**
In the Matter of a Petition by Dakota Electric Association to Implement a Wellspring Commercial and Industrial (C&I) Rate Option. (PUC: Stalpes; DOC; Beckett)

Petition approved.

2. * **G002/M-17-510** **Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of a One-Year Variance to the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Rules to Allow Recovery of Storage-Related Ad Valorem Taxes through the PGA. (PUC; Bender; DOC: Ouanes)

Petition approved.

3. * **IP6984/CN-17-676** **Flying Cow Wind, LLC**
In the Matter of Petition of Flying Cow Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the 150 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota.

Should the Commission grant Flying Cow Wind, LLC's request for exemptions from certain certificate of need filing requirement? Should the Commission approve the proposed timing variance for submitting a CN application for the project? (PUC: **Panait**)

Partial exemption granted.

4. ** **P421/RW-17-569** **Qwest Corporation, dba Century Link**
In the Matter of a Petition by Qwest Corporation dba Century Link QC for resolution of Dispute with BNSF Railway Company Over Use of Railroad Right of Way Under Minn. Stat. §237.045.

What action(s) should the Commission take regarding the Petition for

Dispute Resolution? (PUC: **Kaluzniak, Gonzalez**)

Found that CenturyLink's petition is governed by Minn. Stat. section 237.045.

The following items will not be heard before 10:00 am.

5. ** **E017/GR-15-1033** **Otter Tail Power Company**
In the Matter of the Application of Otter Tail Power Company for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in Minnesota.
- Should the Commission approve Otter Tail Power Company's compliance filings?
Should the Commission approve final rates to go into effect November 1, 2017?
Should the Commission provisionally approve the implementation of the new Transmission Cost Recovery Rider (TCRR) and Environmental Cost Recovery Rider (ECRR) rates to go into effect November 1, 2017?
(PUC: **Alonso, Bender**)
- Approved OTP's compliance filing with modifications and implementation of final rates as of 11/1/17.**
6. ** **E999/CI-03-802** **All Commission-Regulated Electric Utilities**
In the Matter of an Investigation into the Appropriateness of Electric Energy Cost Adjustments.
- Should the Commission modify the current methodology relating to electric energy cost adjustments? (PUC: **Alonso, Bender, Bonnett**)
- Approved Department' proposal.**

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