

The Commission met on **Thursday, May 16, 2019** with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Lipschultz, Schuerger, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

IP-6903/WS-18-179

In the Matter of the Application of Lake Benton Power Partners II, LLC for a Site Permit Amendment for the 100.2 MW Lake Benton Wind II Repowering Project and Associated Facilities in Pipestone County

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

1. Authorize the site permit amendment request without conditions;
2. Revise Site Permit Section 2.1 to read: Associated facilities will include, but are not limited to underground collection and feeder lines, crane walk paths, access roads MET towers, temporary staging/laydown construction area, the operation and maintenance facility, a new 34.5 kV substation, and other associated facilities; and
3. Authorize Commission staff to make refinements to the permit conditions or language as necessary to ensure consistency with the record, the language of recently issued permits, and the Commission's decision on this matter.

The motion passed 4-0.

IP-6984/CN-17-676

IP-6984/WS-17-749

In the Matter of the Application of Flying Cow Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need and Site Permit for the up to 152 MW Bitter Root Wind Project and Associated Facilities in Yellow Medicine County

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission:

1. Grant the petition to withdraw and close the certificate of need and site permit applications for the bitter Root Wind Project; and

2. Direct staff to communicate with the Office of Administrative Hearings regarding the results of the Commission meeting.

The motion passed 4-0.

G-011/M-18-182

In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for the Approval of a Natural Gas Extension Project (NGEP) Cost Rider Surcharge for the Recovery of 2019 Rochester Project Costs

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission:

1. Approved MERC's petition for a NGEP rider surcharge with modifications or clarifications;
2. Allowed MERC to recover forecasted 2019 revenue deficiency of approximately \$439,955, subject to a true-up filing, using a rider surcharge factor of \$0.00050 per therm applicable to all customer classes;
3. Required MERC to remove contingency costs from its total cost projection
4. Required MERC to use MERC's 2019 sales forecast from the Company's pre-filed sales forecast data, in Docket No. G-011/GR-17-563, resulting in a 2019 sales forecast of 764,518,780 therms;
5. Approved the request for MERC to discontinue applying for Destination Medical Center funding for projects within the DMCC boundaries as previously ordered in Docket G-011/M-15-895 by modifying that requirement in this order; and
6. Required MERC, within 10 days of the Commission's order, to make a compliance filing with updated tariff sheets and supporting schedules based on the Commission's decision.

The motion passed 4-0.

E-002/C-19-203

In the Matter of a Formal Complaint Against Xcel Energy by SunShare, LLC

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission find that it has jurisdiction over the matters alleged in SunShare's complaint under Minn. Stat. § 216B.21, deny SunShare's request for further investigation, and dismiss SunShare's complaint.

The motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: July 10, 2019

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Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary