

The Commission met on **Thursday, December 1, 2016**, with Chair Heydinger, and Commissioners Lange, Lipschultz, Schuerger, and Tuma present.

The following matters came before the Commission:

ENERGY AGENDA

G-004/GP-16-685

In the Matter of the Application of Great Plains Natural Gas Company for a Pipeline Routing Permit for the Fergus Falls Pipeline Replacement Project

Commissioner Tuma moved to take the following actions:

1. Accept the pipeline route permit application as substantially complete.
2. Authorize review of the application under Minn. R. 7852.0600 (Partial Exemption Procedures).
3. Authorize staff to file proposed findings and route permit after close of the public meeting comment period and prior to the Commission consideration of the partial exemption. Required Applicant to provide seven days to receive comments from the Department and the Applicant
4. Require the notice issued under Minn. R. 7852.0600 to include landowners located within the proposed right-of-way and landowners adjacent to the proposed right-of-way. This notice should also be given to Otter Tail County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Fergus Falls Area Ducks Unlimited, Otter Tail County Chapter of Minnesota Waterfowl Association, Fergus Falls Fish and Game Club, and any other nonprofit organizations that are known regular users of the Fergus Falls Wildlife Management Area recommended by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Area Supervisor.
5. Approve the \$25,000 budget proposed by the Department of Commerce for the partial exemption review process.

The motion passed 5-0.

E,G-999/CI-12-1344

In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into Privacy Policies of Rate-Regulated Energy Utilities

Commissioner Lipschultz moved as follows:

1. Customer Energy Use Data (CEUD) refers to data collected from the utility customer meters that reflects the quantity, quality, or timing of customers' natural gas or electric usage or electricity production.

The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Tuma moved as follows:

2. A utility shall not provide CEUD without the customer's consent unless the utility has adequately protects the anonymity of the CEUD.

Chair Heydinger proposed to amend the motion by adding the following:

Each utility shall file its aggregation and release policies with the Commission within 30 days of the order or 30 days prior to implementation.

Commissioner Tuma accepted the amendment.

Chair Heydinger proposed to amend the motion to say

A utility shall not ~~disclose~~ ~~provide~~ CEUD without the customer's consent unless the utility has adequately protected the anonymity of the CEUD. Each utility shall file its aggregation and release policies with the Commission within 30 days of the order or 30 days prior to implementation.

Commissioner Tuma accepted the amendment.

The amended motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Schuerger moved as follows:

3. Develop a hard-copy model consent form. Require the parties to submit a draft form incorporating the modifications sought by the Workgroup, for comment, review, and approval.
4. Explore, through a comment and reply process, options for developing tools and protocols for a web-based consent form and for the transfer of CEUD in a machine readable format.

Commissioner Lange proposed amending the motion to substitute the following:

- ~~3. Develop a hard-copy model consent form. Require the parties to submit a draft form incorporating the modifications sought by the Workgroup, for comment, review, and approval.~~

4. ~~Explore, through a comment and reply process, options for developing tools and protocols for a web-based consent form and for the transfer of CEUD in a machine readable format.~~
5. Request the parties to submit comments and recommendations on the Work Group draft model consent form upon a schedule set by the Executive Secretary.

Commissioner Schuerger accepted the amendment.

The amended motion passed 5-0.

Chair Heydinger moved as follows:

6. Each utility shall track the requests it receives for CEUD and its costs of disclosing and aggregating that data. Each utility shall file this information annually as directed by the Executive Secretary.

The motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: February 8, 2017



Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary