



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

121 7th Place East
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Thursday, July 14, 2016

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS

DELIBERATION ITEMS

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **P5615/SA-16-375 Charter Fiberlink CC VIII, LLC**
In the Matter of a Request by Charter Fiberlink CC VIII, LLC to Amend its Certificate of Authority by Expanding its Service Area.

Should the Commission grant Charter's request to expand its service area? (PUC: **O'Grady**)

Approved service area expansion.
2. * **P6656/RL-16-414 Nexus Communications, Inc. dba Nexus-TSI**
In the Matter of the Petition of Nexus Communications, Inc. dba Nexus-TSI to Relinquish its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) Status in Minnesota. (PUC: O'Grady; DOC: Dietz) NOTE: Staff agrees with the recommendation of the Department of Commerce.

Relinquishment of ETC status approved.
3. * **E015/M-16-226 Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Conservation Improvement Program Consolidated Filing. (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Davis)

Consolidated CIP petition approved.
4. * **E017/M-16-278 Otter Tail Power Company**
In the Matter of A Request by Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) for approval of the Company's 2015 Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment and 2015 Electric Demand Side Management Financial Incentive. (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Ryan)

Approved CIP tracker report, financial incentive, CCRA factor.

5. * **G002/M-16-283** **Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy-Gas**
 In the Matter of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy-Gas 2015 Natural Gas CIP Tracker and Financial Incentive. (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Zajicek)

Approved CIP tracker report, financial incentive, CIP adjustment factor.
6. **G008/M-16-486;** **CenterPoint Energy;**
G002/M-16-493; **Xcel Energy;**
G004/M-16-495 **Great Plains Natural Gas**
 In the Matter of CenterPoint Energy's Evaluation of its Gas Affordability Program;
 In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Evaluation of its Gas Affordability Program;
 In the Matter of Great Plains Natural Gas Company's Gas Affordability Program Pilot Evaluation Report 2016.

 Should the Commission extend the December 31, 2016 expiration date of the GAP pilot programs due to the Department's request for a six month extension of time to review the GAP evaluations? (PUC: Schwieger)

Extended Gas Affordability Programs.
7. * **E015/S-16-165** **Minnesota Power**
 In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Power for Approval of its 2016 Capital Structure and Authorization to Issue Securities. (PUC: Kaml; DOC: Kundert) NOTE: The Commission may want to require Minnesota Power to make its next security issuance approval request no later than May 1, 2017.

Approved capital-structure and securities-issuance petition; set deadline for next annual filing.
8. * **G002/M-16-396** **Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**
 In the Matter of Northern States Power Company d/b/a 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: Ryan)

Granted Variance.
9. ** **G002/M-15-808** **Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**
 In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel or the Company), for Approval of a Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Rider (GUIC) True-up Report for 2015, the

Forecasted 2016 GUIC Revenue Requirement and Revised GUIC Adjustment Factors.

Should the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) accept Xcel's Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Rider (GUIC) True-up Report for 2015?

Should the Commission change the GUIC tracker year to end on March 31, rather than December 31?

Should the Commission cap the amount of cost recovery through the GUIC rider?

Should the Commission approve or modify Xcel's proposed rate of return used for determining the GUIC Rider revenue requirements? If modified, what rate of return should be used?

Should the Commission approve or modify Xcel's proposed 2016 GUIC Rider Revenue Requirements and Revised GUIC Adjustment Factor?

Should the Commission on its own motion, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.17, subd. 1, open an investigation into whether Xcel's rates are unreasonable and proceed, with notice, to make such investigation as the Commission may deem necessary? (PUC: **Kaml, Morrissey, Brill**)

Required updated report, adjusted tracker year, required metrics, set terms of cost recovery.

10. * **G011/GP-15-858** **Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation**
In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for a Route Permit for the Rochester Natural Gas Pipeline Project in Olmsted County.

Which routes and route segments should be accepted for further consideration at the public hearing?

Are there other procedural matters the Commission should address at this time? (PUC: **Kaluzniak**)

Identified routes and route segments to receive further consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

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