



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

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

Thursday, May 14, 2015

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **P999/M-14-979** **All Local and Long Distance Service Providers**
 In the matter of a Petition by the Department of Commerce to Order Discontinuance of Service to Revoked Carriers and Carriers that have Relinquished their Certificates of Authority.

 Should the Commission grant the Department of Commerce petition?
 (PUC: **McCarthy**)

 Approved.

2. ** **P5681,421/C-09-302** **Digital Telecommunications Inc.; Qwest Corporation**
 In the Matter of Digital Telecommunications, Inc.'s Complaint Against Qwest Corporation.

 1. Should the Commission reconsider its September 10, 2014 Order Denying Relief?
 2. If so, should the Commission's September 10, 2014 Order be modified? (PUC: **Oberlander**)

 PULLED.

3. **E002/M-15-189** **Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**
 In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Request for a One-Time Waiver of its Energy Rate Savings (ERS) Tariff. (PUC: Mackenzie; DOC: Byrne)

 Approved one-time waiver of ERS Tariff; required compliance filing.

4. * **E015/S-15-168** **Minnesota Power**
 In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Power under Minn. Stat. § 216B.49 for Approval of its 2015 Capital Structure and Authorization to Issue Securities.

Should the Commission approve Minnesota Power's proposed capital structure and request for approval to issue securities? (PUC: Kaml; DOC: Amit)

Approved capital structure with conditions.

5.

**** E015/M-14-349 Minnesota Power**

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Request for Approval of its 2014 Renewable Resources Rider Factors.

Should the Commission approve Minnesota Power's proposed 2014 Renewable Resources Rider rate factors?
What is the initial cost cap for the Bison 4 project and what should it be compared to in determining whether Minnesota Power is within the cap?
How should North Dakota Investment Tax Credits be handled in the calculation of the rider revenue requirements? (PUC: **Bender, Morrissey**)

Approved 2014 RRR rates; found cost cap for Bison 4 (to be compared to capital expenditures and AFUDC before netting internal costs and associated AFUDC); delayed consideration of NDITC from Docket 14-349 to Docket 14-962.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

This item will not be heard before 10:30 a.m.

6.

**** E015/CN-12-1163 Minnesota Power**

In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for a Certificate of Need for the 500 kilovolt Great Northern High-Voltage Transmission Line Project from the Manitoba, Canada - Minnesota Border to the Blackberry Substation near Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Should the Commission adopt the Administrative Law Judge Report?
Do the Environmental Report and record of the Public Hearing address the items identified in the scoping decision?
Should the Commission grant a Certificate of Need for the proposed project?
If approved, should the Commission include any additional conditions? (PUC: **Kaluzniak**)

Approved and adopted ALJ Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations as modified by Staff and during deliberations; finds that Environmental Report addresses issues raised in scoping; grants certificate of need; imposes conditions identified by ALJ.

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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