

The Commission met on **Thursday, November 12, 2020**, with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Means, Schuerger, Sullivan, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

**G-004/D-20-511**

**In the Matter of Great Plains Natural Gas Co.’s Petition for Approval of its 2020 Depreciation Certification**

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Approve the depreciation rates proposed by Great Plains National Gas Co. (Great Plains), as outlined in Table 1 of its Petition, with an effective date of January 1, 2020.
2. Approve Great Plains’ Account 393.0 depreciation parameters, as detailed in Table 1 of the Petition and at Petition page 5-26.
3. For Account 390.0, require Great Plains to, in its next annual depreciation update:
  - a. Move all the structures (buildings) in Account 390.0 out of their group and depreciate them individually, such that they can be depreciated individually going forward;
  - b. Propose allocations of the existing depreciation reserve among the structures in Account 390.0; and
  - c. Propose individual remaining lives for the structures in Account 390.0.
4. Require Great Plains to continue to exclude Account 388.0 – Asset Retirement Obligations from its future depreciation studies.
5. Require Great Plains to continue to provide an update on the company’s PVC replacement program in its future depreciation studies.
6. Require Great Plains to use in its future depreciation filings the updated format of Petition Table 2, as described in the comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department), Attachment 6.

The motion passed 5–0.

**IP-6557/WS-06-91**

**In the Matter of the Site Permit Amendment to Repower the 98.9 Megawatt Mower County Wind Energy Center Project and Associated Facilities in Mower County**

Chair Sieben moved that the Commission do the following:

1. Authorize the site permit amendment request without conditions.
2. Revise Site Permit Section 2 to read –

The project is a repowering of the existing Mower County Wind Farm's 43 Siemens wind turbines. The repowering includes (1) replacing the wind turbine blades, increasing the rotor diameter from 93 meters to 108 meters, for all turbines except turbine 21 (which blades will be replaced without increasing existing rotor diameter of 93 meters); (2) replacing equipment within the turbine nacelles; (3) upgrading turbine tower foundations with concrete collars; and (4) installing a lighting mitigation system.

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 5–0.

**FERC Docket No. AD20-14**

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission file a document-less ("doc-less") notice of intervention in FERC Docket No. AD20-14.

The motion passed 5–0.

**P-6312,421/IC-20-522**

**In the Matter of CenturyLink's Application for Approval to Discontinue Interconnection Services with KTF Telecom**

Chair Sieben moved that the Commission grant the petition of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) for disconnection of service to KTF Telcom, Inc. (KTF), subject to the process below:

1. The Commission directs CenturyLink, within seven days of the Commission's meeting of November 12, 2020, pursuant to CenturyLink's assurance to the Commission, to draft

and submit to the Commission's Consumer Affairs Office (CAO) a customer notice for review and approval, and, once approved by CAO, CenturyLink will issue such notice to the KTF customers served by CenturyLink that CenturyLink is aware of.

2. The customer notice shall indicate that customers have 30 days to find a new provider. Further, the notice may:
  - a. refer to the Look Up webpage on the Department's website and clarify that services unregulated by the Commission may not be on this webpage;
  - b. state that customers having trouble finding an alternative provider may contact CAO for mediation services and assistance; and
  - c. include information on becoming a CenturyLink retail customer.

The motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: February 17, 2021**



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**Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary**