



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

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

Thursday, March 24, 2016

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS

DELIBERATION ITEMS

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **P6445/RV-16-47** **IBFA Acquisition Company, LLC**
In the Matter of the Revocation of IBFA Acquisition Company, LLC's Certificate of Authority. (PUC: Rebholz; DOC: Linscheid) NOTE: the Company did not file reply comments. Staff supports the DOC's recommendation to revoke the Company's authority.

Revoked certificate of authority.

2. * **P6598/RV-16-49** **Yestel USA, Inc.**
In the Matter of the Revocation of Yestel USA, Inc.'s Certificate of Authority. (PUC: Rebholz; DOC: Linscheid) NOTE: the Company did not file reply comments. Staff supports the DOC's recommendation to revoke the Company's authority.

Revoked certificate of authority.

3. **E234,101/SA-16-58** **Elk River Municipal Utilities;
Connexus Energy**
In the Matter of the Joint Request of Elk River Municipal Utilities and Connexus Energy, Collectively the Parties, to Modify Electric Service Territory Boundaries. (PUC: Twite; DOC: Lusti)

Approved service territory boundary transfer.

4. **E287,002/SA-16-22** **City of North St. Paul;
Northern States Power Company d/b/a
Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of the Joint Request of the City of North St. Paul and Northern States Power Company (d/b/a Xcel Energy) for Approval to Terminate a Service Exception Agreement. (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Lusti)

Approved service-area changes and Compensation Agreement.**5. * G002/M-16-40 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company (Xcel) for Approval of Extension Surcharge (ES) for Ulen, Hitterdal, and Surrounding Communities.

Should the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's (Xcel)

proposed Extension Surcharge (ES) rider for the communities of Ulen, Hitterdal, and the Surrounding Areas?

Should the Commission approve Xcel's proposed 75 foot service line extension allowance for its NAS/ES riders' tariff sheets?

Should the Commission approve Xcel's proposed Assignment and Assumption Agreement between Greater Minnesota Transmission (GMT), West Central AG Services, and Xcel?

Should the Commission accept Xcel's proposed revision of the service area for the Barnesville and Holdingford ES riders approved in Docket Nos. G-002/M-14-583 and G-002/M-15-195?

Should the Commission accept Xcel's proposal to continue its annual NAS/ES project reporting requirements on March 1 of each year, pursuant to Docket No. G-002/M-14-583? (PUC: **Brill**)

Approved Ulen/Hitterdal ES rider; approved service-line-extension allowance; approved assignment and assumption agreement; approved revisions to Barnesville/Holdingford ES riders.

6. ** E017/GR-15-1033 Otter Tail Power Company

In the Matter of the Application of Otter Tail Power Company for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in the State of Minnesota.

Should this filing be accepted, the proposed rates suspended, this matter referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings, and interim rates set as requested by the Company? (PUC: **Bender, Schwieger, Kaml, Krishnan, Twite, Alonso**)

Petition accepted; rates suspended to 3/16/17; matter referred for contested case proceeding; issues identified. Interim rates authorized as adjusted, effective 4/16/16.

7. * E017/MR-15-1034 Otter Tail Power Company

In the Matter of the Application of Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of a New Base Cost of Energy.

Should the Commission approve Otter Tail's proposed new base cost of energy? (PUC: **Alonso, Bender**)

Approved interim base cost of gas; updates required.

8. * **IP6959/CN-16-140 Red Pine Wind, LLC**
In the Matter of the Application of Red Pine Wind Project, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the 200 MW Red Pine Wind Project and Associated Facilities in Lincoln and Lyons Counties.

Should the Commission approve certain variances and exemption requests? (PUC: **DeBleeckere**)

Granted exemption and variance requests; granted additional variances on own motion.

9. ** **PL6668/CN-13-473; North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC
PL6668/PPL-13-474**
In the Matter of the Application of North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC for a Certificate of Need for the Sandpiper Pipeline Project in Minnesota;
In the Matter of the Application of North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC for a Pipeline Routing Permit for the Sandpiper Pipeline Project in Minnesota.

- What action should the Commission take concerning the White Earth Band of Ojibwe's Amended Motion? (PUC: **Ek**)
- Should the Commission reconsider or clarify its January 11, 2016 Order Lifting Stay, Rejoining Need and Routing Dockets, and Referring for Contested Case Proceedings?

The Commission has the authority to accept or decline a petition for reconsideration **with or without** a hearing or oral argument. (Minnesota Rules 7829.3000, Subpart 6) In other words, a decision on a petition for reconsideration can be made without taking oral comments at the Commission meeting.

Denied WEBO's amended motion; denied petitions for reconsideration.

10. ** **PL9/CN-14-916; Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership
PL9/PPL-15-137**
In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership for a Certificate of Need for the Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Project in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border;
In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership for a Route Permit for the Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Project in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border.

- Should the Commission reconsider its February 1, 2016 Order Joining Need and Routing Docket? (PUC: **Ek**)

The Commission has the authority to accept or decline a petition for reconsideration **with or without** a hearing or oral argument. (Minnesota Rules 7829.3000, Subpart 6) In other words, a decision on a petition for reconsideration can be made without taking oral comments at the Commission meeting.

Petitions for recon, and to amend MoU, denied. Petitions to intervene referred to OAH.

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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