



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

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

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Wednesday, July 1, 2015

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

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**INTRODUCTION**

**ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS**

**DELIBERATION ITEMS**

**DECISION ITEMS**

1. \* **E115/M-11-409**                      **Minnesota Power**  
In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of a Pilot Rider for Customer Affordability of Residential Electricity.  
  
Should the Commission adopt the Department's May 27, 2015 recommendation and: (1) accept Minnesota Power's third annual Customer Affordability of Residential Electricity (CARE) Program Report; and (2) approve the addition of an Arrearage Forgiveness component to Minnesota Power's CARE Program to begin in program year 2016. (PUC: Schwieger; DOC: Peirce)  
  
**Accepted report and approved arrearage forgiveness component.**
  
2. \* **G008/M-95-292;**                      **CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp.,  
d/b/a**  
**G008/GR-08-1075**                      **CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas**  
In the Matter of the Request of Minnegasco for Approval of Its Annual Manufactured Gas Plant Update Compliance Filing;  
In the Matter of an Application by CenterPoint Energy for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota.  
  
Should the Commission adopt the Department's May 22, 2015 recommendation and require CenterPoint Energy to: (1) terminate CenterPoint Energy's Insurance Recovery Account tracker; (2) apply all of the insurance proceeds to a certain, recent payment; and (3) file Direct Testimony on this issue in its upcoming rate case? (PUC: Harding; DOC: St. Pierre)  
  
**Terminated insurance recover account tracker, and required insurance proceeds to offset payments, and required direct**

**testimony in next rate case.**

3. \* **E017/S-15-411**                      **Otter Tail Power Company**  
In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Request for Approval of its 2015 Capital Structure and Permission to Issue Securities.
- Should the Commission approve OTP's request to issue securities?  
Should the Commission approve OTP's proposed capital structure?  
Should the Commission approve OTP's proposed total capitalization?  
Should the Commission grant OTP's request for variance from Minn. Rule, pt. 7825.1000, Subp. 6?  
Should the Commission require OTP to file additional information?  
(PUC: **Krishnan, Kaml**)
- Approved capital structure and securities issuances and set additional requirements.**
4. \* **G002/M-15-195**                      **Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**  
In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of Extension Surcharge Provisions in the New Area Surcharge Rider Tariff and to Bring Barnesville and Holdingford Under the Governance of the Modified Tariff.
- Should the Commission adopt the Department's April 1, 2015 recommendation and approve Xcel's proposed revisions to its New Area Surcharge (NAS) and Extension Surcharge (ES) Rider tariff?  
Should the Commission approve Xcel's April 13, 2015 proposed clarification to the tariff language that describes surcharge revenue?  
(PUC: Brill; DOC: St. Pierre)
- Approved riders.**
5. \* **G011/M-15-165**                      **Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation**  
In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Approval to Modify Its Main and Service Extension Model and Amend Its Extension Tariffs.
- Should the Commission approve Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation's (MERC's) proposed modifications to its Main and Service Extension Model and its Amended Extension Tariff Sheets?  
(PUC: **Brill**)
- Approved modifications to main and service extension model and tariff sheets.**
6. \* **E999/M-14-237;**                      **All Electric Utilities Subject to Minnesota Statutes §216B.1691**  
**E999/PR-14-12;**

**E999/PR-13-186;**

In the Matter of Commission Consideration and Determination on Compliance with Renewable Energy Standards;  
 In the Matter of a Renewable Energy Certificate Retirement Report for Compliance Year 2013;  
 In the Matter of a Renewable Energy Certificate Retirement Report for Compliance Year 2012.

What action should the Commission take on the RES plans filed by electric utilities? (PUC: **Rebholz**)

**Found utilities in compliance with reporting requirements.**

7.           \*\* **E001/RP-14-77**                   **Interstate Power and Light Company**  
 In the Matter of Interstate Power and Light's 2014-2029 Integrated Resource Plan.

Should the Commission approve Interstate Power and Light's 2014-2029 Resource Plan?

What modifications, if any, should Interstate Power and Light make to its Resource Plan?

When should Interstate Power and Light file its next Resource Plan?  
 (PUC: **Stalpes, Twite**)

**Resource plan approved.**

**The following items will not be heard before 10:00 AM.**

8.           \* **ET2,E015/CN-14-853;**           **Great River Energy;**  
**ET2,E015/TL-15-204**           **Minnesota Power**  
 In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy and Minnesota Power for a Certificate of Need and Route Permit for the Motley Area 115 kV Project in Morrison, Cass and Todd Counties.

What action should the Commission take regarding route alternatives to be evaluated in the environmental assessment? (PUC:

**DeBleekere**)

**No action taken.**

9.           **PULLED**  
 \*\* ~~**PL5/CN-14-320**~~                   **Minnesota Pipe Line Company, LLC**  
 In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Pipe Line Company, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the Minnesota Pipe Line Reliability Project to Increase Pumping Capacity on Line 4 Crude Oil Pipeline in Hubbard, Wadena, Morrison, Meeker, McLeod and Scott Counties Minnesota.

Should the Commission grant a certificate of need? (PUC: **Panait**)

**Pulled.**

**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 accept the certificate of need application as substantially complete?
- Should the Commission accept the route permit application as substantially complete?
- What action should the Commission take regarding other procedural items? (PUC: **Ek**)

**Applications accepted; CoN referred to OAH. EERA to develop CoN enviro. analysis, administer alternative route proposal development process. Timelines varied.**

## **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)**

**Please note: For the complete record, please see eDockets**