



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

Thursday, February 25, 2021

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INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. ** IP6946/WS-17-410 **Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of the Application of Freeborn Wind Energy LLC for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) Site Permit for the 84 Megawatt Freeborn Wind Farm in Freeborn County.

Should the Commission reconsider its December 28, 2020 Order Denying Motion and Site Permit Amendment Request? (PUC: **Kaluzniak**)

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.

Recon denied.

2. * E015/RP-21-33 **Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of Minnesota Power's 2021-2035 Integrated Resource Plan.
1. Should the Commission refer this case to the Office of Administrative Hearings for the sole purpose of conducting one or more virtual public meetings?
 2. Should the Commission require Minnesota Power to provide written notice to its customers regarding public input on its IRP?
 3. Should the Commission take any other actions related to soliciting public input? (PUC: **Stalpes**)

Referred matter to OAH; established notice requirements.

3. ** G004/GR-19-511; **Great Plains Natural Gas Co., a Division of**
G004/MR-20-822 **Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.**
In the Matter of the Petition by Great Plains Natural Gas Co., a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota; In the Matter of the Application of Great Plains Natural Gas Co. (Great Plains), a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., to Establish a New Base Cost of Gas in Compliance with the Commission Order in the General Rate Filing.

1. Should Great Plains' November 12, 2020 rate case compliance filing be approved?
2. Should Great Plains' November 10, 2020 new base cost of gas filing be approved?
3. When should final rates and the new base cost of gas go into effect?
4. Are any additional compliance filings needed? (PUC: **Alonso, Bender**)

Approved compliance filings; set implementation dates.

4. * **G6956/M-15-856; Community Co-ops of Lake Park;**
G6960/M-16-214; United Natural Gas, LLC;
G6977/M-17-186; Lake Region Energy Services;
G6915/M-13-672; Dooley's Natural Gas I, LLC;
G6915/M-16-756 Dooley's Natural Gas II, LLC

In the Matter of Community Co-ops of Lake Park's Petition for an Exemption for a Small Gas Utility Franchise;

In the Matter of a Petition by United Natural Gas, LLC for Approval of its Request for a Small Gas Utility Franchise Exemption;

In the Matter of a Petition by Lake Region Energy Services, Inc. for a Small Gas Utility Franchise Exemption;

In the Matter of the Petition of Dooley's Natural Gas LLC for Exemption for a Small Gas Utility;

In the Matter of a Petition by Dooley's Natural Gas II, LLC for a Small Gas Utility Franchise Exemption.

Should the Commission approve the annual compliance filings from Community Co-ops, UNG, LRES, Dooley's I, and Dooley's II? (PUC: **McShane**)

Approved compliance filings.

5. ** **G022,008/C-20-795 Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.**
CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp.

In the Matter of a Formal Complaint and Petition for Relief by Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. Against CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas.

1. Does the Commission have jurisdiction over Greater Minnesota Gas' complaint against CenterPoint Energy?
 - a. If yes, would a Commission investigation into Greater Minnesota Gas' allegations against CenterPoint Energy be in the public interest?
 - b. If no, should the Commission dismiss and close the complaint?
2. If the Commission chooses to investigate the complaint, how should the Commission proceed? Should the Commission send this complaint to the Office of Administrative Hearings as a contested case? Alternately, should the Commission make its decision based on available information at this Agenda Meeting? (PUC: **Bonnett, Larson**)

No action.

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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