

The Commission met on **Thursday, February 25, 2021** with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Means, Schuerger, Sullivan, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

E-002/WS-17-410

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

Commissioner Sullivan moved that the Commission deny the petition of the Association of Freeborn County Landowners to reconsider the Commission's Order Denying Motion and Site Permit Amendment Requests (December 28, 2020).

The motion passed 5–0.

E-015/RP-21-33

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's 2021-2035 Integrated Resource Plan

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission

1. Require Minnesota Power to provide notice of the 2021–2035 Integrated Resource Plan as follows:
 - a. Individual written notice to each customer in Minnesota, which may be in the form of a bill insert or electronic communication for customers with e-billing;
 - b. Written notice to the governing bodies of all municipalities, counties, local governing bodies, and Minnesota Tribal Nations in the Company's Minnesota service area; and
 - c. Develop an advertisement plan for the Company's Minnesota service territory that may include social media, electronic, print, or other forms of public notice. Minnesota Power shall share this advertising plan with Commission staff no later than March 26, 2021 or provide staff an update if the plan is not complete by that time.
2. Require Minnesota Power, before publishing or serving the notices described above, to submit the draft notices for Commission approval prior to publication or service. The Company shall submit draft notices to Commission staff no later than March 26, 2021.

3. Delegate to the Executive Secretary the authority to approve customer notices, bill inserts, bill format, modify schedules, and any other communications for the duration of this proceeding.
4. Refer this matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings for the sole purpose of conducting one or more public meetings.
 - a. The written notice required in Order Point 1 shall include information about the public meetings, and notices shall be sent at least ten days before the first public meeting; and
 - b. The Commission requests that the Office of Administrative Hearings provide a written summary of the public meetings within 60 days of the date of the last public meeting.

The motion passed 5–0.

G-004/GR-19-511

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

G-004/MR-20-822

In the Matter of the Application of Great Plains Natural Gas Co., 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

Chair Sieben moved that the Commission:

1. Accept and approve Great Plains Natural Gas Co., a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s (Great Plains) rate case compliance filing;
2. Authorize Great Plains to implement final rates effective April 1, 2021;
3. Order Great Plains to, within 10 days of implementation of final rates, resubmit the conservation-improvement-program tracker account (including rates, revenues, expenses, and ending balance) for the entire period that interim rates were in effect;
4. Accept and approve Great Plains's base cost of gas compliance filing; and
5. Order Great Plains to implement its new base cost of gas in conjunction with the implementation of final rates.

The motion passed 5–0.

G-6956/M-15-856

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

G-6960/M-16-214

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

G-6977/M-17-186

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

G-6915/M-13-672

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

G-6915/M-16-756

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

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission approve the compliance filings from Community Co-Ops of Lake Park; United Natural Gas, LLC; Lake Region Energy Services, Inc.; Dooley's Natural Gas, LLC; and Dooley's Natural Gas II, LLC.

The motion passed 5-0.

G-022,008/C-20-795

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

Commissioner Means moved that the Commission take no action at this time.

The motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: March 10, 2021



Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary