



**Minnesota Public Utilities
Commission
Decisions**

121 7th Place East
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Saint Paul, MN
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PUC Agenda Meeting

Thursday, March 8, 2018

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. [Details](#)
[2017-163](#) * **E002,ET6675/CN-17-184** **Xcel Energy;**
ITC Midwest, LLC
In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy and ITC Midwest LLC for a Route Permit for the Huntley-Wilmarth 345 kV Transmission Line Project.

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

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Found application complete, joined process with 17-185, and referred case to OAH for contested case proceedings.

2. [Details](#)
[2018-035](#) * **E002,ET6675/TL-17-185** **Xcel Energy;**
ITC Midwest LLC
In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy and ITC Midwest LLC for a Route Permit for the Huntley-Wilmarth 345 kV Transmission Line Project in South Central Minnesota.

1. Should the Commission accept the route permit application as substantially complete?
2. What action should the Commission take regarding other procedural items? (PUC: **DeBleekere**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Found application complete and referred case to OAH for contested case proceedings.

3. [Details](#)
[2018-033](#) **E217,109/SA-18-32** **Water and Light Department d/b/a**
Brainerd Public Utilities;
Crow Wing Power
In the Matter of The Joint Request of the Water and Light Department

d/b/a Brainerd Public Utilities and Crow Wing Power for approval to Modify Electric Service Territory Boundaries. (PUC: Terwilliger; DOC: Lusti)

Attachments: [DOC Comments 2-5-18](#)

Approved service territory transfer

4. [Details](#)
[2018-032](#)

G004/M-17-858 **Great Plains Natural Gas Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.**

In the Matter of the Petition of Great Plains Natural Gas Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., for Approval to Modify the Timing of its Annual Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Report. (PUC: Bender; DOC: Lusti)
Staff note: Staff agrees with the Department's recommendation but notes that the correct ending date for the twelve-month true-up period should be December 31st instead of December 30th.

Attachments: [DOC Comments 1-8-18](#)

[Great Plains Reply Comments 1-17-18](#)

Approved change in the filing date of Great Plains' annual Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Report.

5. [Details](#)
[2018-029](#)

* **G008/M-17-533** **CenterPoint Energy**

In the Matter of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas' Request for Change in Demand Units.

1. Should the Commission approve CenterPoint Energy's proposed level of demand entitlement and proposed recovery of associated demand costs effective November 1, 2017?
2. Should the Commission accept CenterPoint Energy's proposed design-day level? (PUC: **Bender**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Approved the proposed demand entitlement level and accepted the proposed design-day level

6. [Details](#)
[2018-030](#)

* **E015/D-17-118** **Minnesota Power**

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's 2017 Remaining Life Depreciation Petition.

Should the Commission approve Minnesota Power's 2017 remaining lives depreciation petition to reflect the decisions made in the Company's recent general rate case? (PUC: **Schwieger**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

[Corrected Decision Option](#)

Approved proposed remaining lives and salvage rates and set filing requirements

7. [Details](#) ** **G011/GR-17-563** **Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation**
[2017-233](#)
In the Matter of the Application by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Authority to Increase Rates for Natural Gas Service in Minnesota.

Should the Commission authorize MERC to reduce interim rates to reflect the change in the federal tax rate from 35% to 21% effective April 1, 2018? (PUC: **Bender, Brill**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Authorized interim-rate reduction; imposed related filing and administrative requirements

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