

The Commission met on **Thursday, October 4, 2018**, with Chair Lange and Commissioners Lipschultz, Schuerger, Sieben, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

E-002/M-17-26

In the Matter of an Updated Petition for Approval of a Second Amendment to a Power Purchase Agreement with Woodstock Hills, LLC for a 9.2 MW Wind Generation Project

Commissioner Sieben moved that the Commission adopt the Department's recommendation to approve the amendment, with the understanding that the Company will notify the Department of Agriculture as agreed.

The motion passed 5–0.

P-999/CI-18-382

In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry to Examine Streamlining Procedures for Consent Dockets

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission:

1. Determine that the rule variance requirements have been met and that variances consistent with those specified on Attachment A of the Briefing Papers are therefore warranted.
2. Grant a variance until December 31, 2024.
3. Approve the procedures outlined in Attachment A of the Briefing Papers for the disposition of service area dockets.

The motion passed 5–0.

P407, 405/CI-18-122

In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into the Service Quality, Customer Service, and Billing Practices of Frontier Communications

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission:

1. Require Frontier to prepare a direct mailing for each electronically billed customer, with an explanatory letter approved by the Executive Secretary, soliciting further customer input in this proceeding. The letter shall include an explanation for the lack of prior

notice and such modifications to the prior notice as specified by the Executive Secretary. The Company will mail and email the letter by November 1, 2018, and request customer feedback by November 30.

2. Require that by November 15, 2018, Frontier file a letter certifying that it has complied with the Commission's order.

The motion passed 5–0.

E-017/M-18-119

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's 2018 Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment and 2017 Electric Demand-Side Management Financial Incentive

Chair Lange moved to take the following actions:

1. Approve a Shared Savings financial incentive of \$2,938,110 for Otter Tail's 2017 CIP achievements which includes the LED Street Lighting project's \$739,375 budget in 2017 CIP spending for the financial performance incentive, subject to a true-up after resolution as to whether these street lighting expenditures qualify as part of the CIP-incentive calculation in the 2018 CIP-incentive filing.
2. Approve Otter Tail's 2017 CIP tracker account resulting in a December 31, 2017 tracker balance of \$7,362,345 (see Table 1 page 9 of the DOC's May 30, 2018 comments).
3. Approve a CCRA of \$0.00600 per kWh, to be effective October 1, 2018, or the first day of the month following the Commission's order in this matter.
4. Grant Otter Tail a variance to Minnesota Rules part 7820.3500(K) and a variance to Minnesota Rules part 7825.2600 for one year after the issue date of the Commission's order in the present docket.
5. Require Otter Tail to submit a compliance filing, within ten days of the issue date of the order in the present docket, with revised tariff sheets reflecting the Commission's determinations in this matter.

The motion passed 5–0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: February 13, 2019

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Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary