



# Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

## PUC Agenda Meeting

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Thursday, February 26, 2026

10:00 AM

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### INTRODUCTION

### DECISION ITEMS

1. [Details 2026-024](#)

\* **IP7137/GS-24-267**                      **Castle Rock Solar LLC**

In the Matter of the Application of Castle Rock Solar LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 150-MW Castle Rock Solar Project in Dakota County, Minnesota.

1. Should the Commission adopt the Administrative Law Judge's Finding of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendations?
2. Should the Commission find that the environmental assessment and the record created at the public hearings address the issues identified in the scoping decision?
3. Should the Commission issue a site permit for the up to 150-MW solar energy generating facility? (PUC: **Harvieux**)

2. [Details 2026-022](#)

\* **E015/M-25-309**                      **Minnesota Power**

In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Power for Approval of Investments and Expenditures in the Longspur Wind Project for Recovery through Minnesota Power's Renewable Resources Rider under Minn. Stat. §216B.1645.

Should the Commission approve Minnesota Power's recovery of investments and expenditures in Longspur Wind Project through the Renewable Resources Rider? (PUC: **Mohamed**)

**3. [Details 2026-021](#)****\*\* ET2/TL-24-132****Great River Energy;  
Minnesota Valley Electric Co-op**

In the Matter of the Application for a Route Permit for a 115-kV Laketown Transmission Line and Associated Facilities Project in Carver County, Minnesota.

1. Between Route Alternative B and the Applicants' proposed route, which is the most appropriate route for the project and why?
2. In selecting between Route Alternative B and Applicants' proposed route, what potential impacts, including but not limited to reliability and cost, should be considered by the Commission?
3. For Route Alternative B, which is the most appropriate alignment for the transmission line along Augusta Road - the north side of the road or the south side of the road? And why?
4. Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter? (PUC: **Lobby; Hicks**)

**The following items will not be heard before 12:30PM****4. [Details 2026-025](#)****\*\* E002/M-24-230****Northern States Power Co., d/b/a Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of Northern States Power Company's, d/b/a Xcel Energy, Petition for Approval of a Solar and Storage Portfolio.

1. Should the Commission approve the PPAs submitted in Xcel's Petition and allow the Company to recover the Minnesota portion of PPA costs from retail customers through the Fuel Clause Rider?
2. Should the Commission approve the acquisition and construction of self-build projects and their cost recovery through the Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Rider?
3. Should the Commission approve the acquisition of land rights for the Sherco Solar 4 project and grant a variance regarding the filing requirements for property acquisition?
4. Should the Commission limit cost recovery for the self-build projects to a symmetrical capital cost cap set at the bid cost?
5. Should the Commission allow the Company to propose changes to its jurisdictional allocation approach in future RES Rider filings? (PUC: **Stalpes**)

**5. [Details 2026-028](#)****\*\* E002,015,017/  
CI-24-288****Northern States Power Co. d/b/a Xcel Energy;  
Minnesota Power;  
Otter Tail Power Co.**

In the Matter of Establishing Tariffs for Distribution System Costs Sharing for Interconnection in Constrained Areas.

What generic standards should the Commission adopt for the Distribution System Reactive Upgrades Process (DSRUP)? (PUC: **Duran**)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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**\*\* Two stars indicate that an agenda item is disputed and there may be legal, procedural, or policy issues to be resolved.**

**\*\*\* Three stars indicate a complex or lengthy disputed agenda item that may have significant legal, procedural, or policy issues to be resolved.**

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