



**Minnesota Public Utilities  
Commission  
Decisions  
PUC Agenda Meeting**

121 7th Place East  
Suite 350  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

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Thursday, September 17, 2015

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

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**INTRODUCTION**

**ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS**

**DELIBERATION ITEMS**

**DECISION ITEMS**

1. \* **P999/PR-15-8**                      **Local Exchange Companies;  
Eligible Telecommunications Carriers**  
In the Matter of Annual Certifications related to Eligible  
Telecommunications Carriers' (ETCs) Use of the Federal Universal  
Service Support required pursuant to C.F.R. §54.313.  
  
Should the Commission approve all petitioning ETCs' requests for  
high cost support certification? (PUC: **Brion**)  
  
**ETCs certified.**
  
2. \* **ET2/TL-15-628**                      **Great River Energy**  
In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy for a Route  
Permit for the Bull Moose 115 kV Transmission Line in Cass County,  
Minnesota.  
  
Should the Commission accept the route permit application as  
complete?  
What action should the Commission take regarding other procedural  
items? (PUC: **Panait**)  
  
**Application accepted as complete and review procedures set.**
  
3. \* **IP6949/GS-15-620**                      **Mankato Energy Center II, LLC**  
In the Matter of Mankato Energy Center II, LLC's Application for Site  
Permit for the 345 MW Expansion of the Mankato Energy Center.  
  
Should the Commission accept or reject the application for the  
Mankato Energy Center II, LLC? What action should the Commission  
take regarding other procedural items? (PUC: **DeBleekere**)

**Application accepted as substantially complete and review procedures set.**

4. \* **IP6687/CN-08-951; Flat Hill Windpark I, LLC**  
**IP6687/WS-08-1134**  
In the Matter of the Certificate of Need for the Flat Hill Windpark I Project in Clay County.  
In the Matter of the Large Wind Energy Conversion Site Permit for the Flat Hill Windpark I Project in Clay County.

Should the Commission approve the Petition for Changes to the Certificate of Need without Recertification or Further Hearing?  
Should the Commission amend or revoke the LWECS Site Permit?  
Should the Commission take some other action? (PUC: **DeBleeckere**)

**Postponed decision; required filings.**

5. \* **E002/M-15-650 Xcel Energy**  
In the Matter of a Petition by Xcel Energy for Approval of an Amendment to a Solar\*Rewards Customer Contract with Murphy Warehouse.

Should the Commission approve the amendment to the Solar\*Rewards (S\*R) customer contract with Murphy Warehouse?  
Should the Commission approve a negative check-off approval process for amendments to the S\*R standard customer contract?  
(PUC: **Mackenzie**)

**Approved amendment; established procedures for future amendments.**

6. \* **G022/M-15-285 Greater Minnesota Gas Company (GMG)**  
In the Matter of a Petition by Greater Minnesota Gas Company (GMG) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2015-2016 Heating Season Supply Plan effective November 1, 2015.

Should the Commission approve Greater Minnesota Gas Company's (GMG) proposed demand entitlement capacity (levels) and cost changes to meet its Design Day and Reserve Margin requirements as described in the listed docket, effective November 1, 2015? (PUC: **Brill**)

**Approved proposed demand entitlements and short-term firm contract with NNG; allowed PGA recovery and set future report requirements; required GMG to file information letter.**

7. \*\* **G008/M-15-307; All Regulated Natural Gas Utilities**

**G002/M-15-314;**  
**G011/M-15-308;**  
**G004/M-15-306;**  
**G001/M-15-309;**  
**G022/M-15-315**

In the Matter of the Application of CenterPoint Energy's Gas Affordability Program 2014 Annual Compliance Report;  
 In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy's Gas Affordability Program 2014 Annual Compliance Report;  
 In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation's Gas Affordability Program 2014 Annual Compliance Report;  
 In the Matter of the Application of Great Plains' Natural Gas Company, a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. Gas Affordability Program 2014 Annual Compliance Report;  
 In the Matter of the Application of Interstate Power and Light Company's Gas Affordability Program 2014 Annual Compliance Report;  
 In the Matter of the Application of Greater Minnesota Gas, Incorporated's Gas Affordability Program 2014 Annual Compliance Report.

1. Review and acceptance of the 2014 Gas Affordability Program (GAP) annual compliance reports.
2. Should the Commission require GMG to continue offering its Gas Affordability Program? (PUC: **Schwieger, Harding**)

**Accepted 2014 GAP reports; requested info regarding extension of surcharge to all customers and customer classes; required GMG to extend pilot program, file updated tariff, file info regarding GAP on website; and file next report no later than June 16, 2016.**

8. \* **G001/M-15-540 Interstate Power and Light Company**  
 In the Matter of the Petition of Interstate Power and Light Company for Approval of 2015 Evaluation of its Gas Affordability Program.  
 (PUC: Schwieger; DOC: Kundert)

**Accepted report.**

9. \*\* **G011/M-15-539 Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation**  
 In the Matter of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation's (MERC) 2015 Evaluation of its Gas Affordability Program.
1. Should the Commission approve MERC's 2015 Evaluation of its Gas Affordability Program (GAP)?
  2. Should the Commission require the Company to change the way it applies the affordability component to allow GAP customers to pay their share of the current portion of their bill in twelve, equal

payments?

3. Should the Commission reduce, or eliminate the per therm surcharge which funds the Program?
4. Should the Commission authorize a four-year extension of the pilot or make the Program permanent? (PUC: **Schwieger**)

**Evaluation Accepted; Program Authorized for Additional Four Years.**

## **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**