



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

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

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Thursday, June 1, 2017

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

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**INTRODUCTION**

**ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS**

**DELIBERATION ITEMS**

**DECISION ITEMS**

1. \* **IP6979/WS-17-265 Palmer's Creek Wind Farm, LLC**  
In the Matter of the Application of Palmer's Creek Wind Farm, LLC for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the 44.6 MW Palmer's Creek Wind Project in Chippewa County

Should the Commission accept the site permit application as substantially complete?

What procedural process should the Commission authorize for evaluation of the site permit application?

Should the Commission vary the time limits of its rules that relate to application completeness and draft permit issuance? (PUC:

**Kaluzniak)**

**Accepted application as substantially complete; referred the matter to OAH; varied time frames.**

2. \* **ET6/TL-16-327 Minnkota Power Cooperative**  
In the Matter of the Application of Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. for a Route Permit for the MPL-Laporte 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Clearwater and Hubbard Counties, Minnesota.
- Should the Commission adopt the Administrative Law Judge's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation?
  - Should the Commission find that the environmental assessment and the record created at the public hearing adequately address the issues identified in the scoping decision?
  - Should the Commission issue a route permit identifying a specific route and permit conditions for the MPL-Laporte 115 kV Transmission Line Project? (PUC: **Panait)**

**Approved and adopted ALJ FOF, Conclusions, and**

**Recommendations as modified by EERA; Finds EA addresses scoping issues; issues HVT with conditions; requires site permit to include mitigation measure and conditions; and authorizes Commission staff to make further findings.**

3. \* **E015/D-17-114**                      **Minnesota Power**  
In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for 2017 General Plant Depreciation Rates. (PUC: Schwieger, Bender; DOC: Lusti)  
**Approved MP's 2017 General Plant depreciation petition and set next filing date.**
4. \* **E015/S-17-142**                      **Minnesota Power**  
In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Power under Minnesota Statutes Section 216B.49 for Approval of its Capital Structure and Authorization to Issue Securities. (PUC: Kaml, Krishnan; DOC: Amit)  
**Approved proposed capital structure and securities issuance.**
5. \* **G004/M-15-645;**                      **Great Plains Natural Gas Company**  
**G004/M-16-557**  
In the Matter of Great Plains' 2015-2016 Demand Entitlement Filing;  
In the Matter of Great Plains' 2016-2017 Winter Heating Season Demand.  
  
Should the Commission approve Great Plains' proposed level of demand entitlements effective November 1,2015?  
Should the Commission approve Great Plains' proposed level of demand entitlements and proposed recovery of associated demand costs effective November 1,2016? (PUC: **Brill, Bender**)  
**Approved Great Plains' peak-day analysis and proposed level of demand entitlements;**  
**Accepted Great Plains' proposed design-day method for South and North Districts; Required Company, in future filings, to check and correct regression models for autocorrelation; approve proposed level of demand entitlement and recovery of demand costs.**

## 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