

The Commission met on **Tuesday, January 7, 2014**, with Chair Heydinger, and Commissioners Boyd, Lange, and O'Brien present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

### **TELEPHONE AGENDA**

#### **P-999/M-13-755**

#### **In the Matter of a Petition by the Department of Commerce to Order Discontinuance of Service to Revoked Carriers and Carriers that have Relinquished their Certificates of Authority**

Commissioner Boyd moved to take the following actions:

1. Order all local exchange and interexchange carriers to discontinue service arrangements enabling the list of carriers identified in the Department's October 29, 2013 petition to provide Minnesota intrastate telecommunications services to end-user and wholesale customers.
2. Order carriers who find that end-user or wholesale customers will be affected by the discontinuance to contact the Department within 7 days of the date of the Commission's Order. The Department will notify the carrier within 3 business days if the discontinuance may proceed, if there must first be a transition plan approved by the Department, or if the matter is to be further addressed by the Commission prior to discontinuance.
3. Order all local exchange and interexchange carriers to not engage in any new service arrangements for the provision of services that enable the identified carriers to provide Minnesota intrastate telecommunications service to end-user or wholesale customers effective immediately, unless this Order is suspended by another Commission Order.

The motion passed, 4-0.

#### **P-522,405/C-13-941**

#### **In the Matter of the Complaint by Farmers Mutual Telephone Company Against Frontier Communications of Minnesota Regarding Early Termination Fees**

Commissioner O'Brien moved to take the following actions:

1. Find that the Commission has jurisdiction over the matter.
2. Find that there are reasonable grounds to investigate the complaint.
3. Serve the complaint on Frontier.

4. Require Frontier to file an answer, pursuant to Minn. Rules 7829.1800, subp. 2, within 20 days of the service of the complaint.

The motion passed, 4-0.

## **ENERGY AGENDA**

### **G-011/AI-13-934**

#### **In the Matter of a Request by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Approval of a Modification to the Affiliated Interest Agreement Related to the Formation and Operation of Integrys Business Support, LLC**

Commissioner Lange moved to approve the changes to the Master AIA as proposed by MERC, with the caveat that the applications of cost allocators will be reviewed in future rate proceedings.

The motion passed, 3-1 (with Commissioner O'Brien voting no).

### **G-004/M-12-740**

#### **In the Matter of Great Plains' Request for Changes in Demand Entitlements**

Commissioner Boyd moved to take the following actions:

1. Accept Great Plains' proposed design day method for the South District and the North District;
2. Accept Great Plains' proposed design reserve margin for the South District and the North District;
3. Accept Great Plains' proposed PGA recovery of its demand entitlement proposals for the South District and the North District; and
4. Require Great Plains to provide, in its next rate case, a full discussion and cost analysis showing the impact of requiring telemetry for all current interruptible customers and as a requirement for any future customer to receive interruptible service.

The motion passed, 4-0.

### **G-004/M-13-566**

#### **In the Matter of Great Plains Natural Gas Company's Request for Changes in Demand Entitlement for the 2013-2014 Winter Heating Season**

Commissioner Boyd moved to take the following actions:

1. Accept Great Plains' proposed design day method for the South District and the North District;
2. Accept Great Plains' proposed reserve margins for the South District and the North District; and
3. Accept Great Plains' proposed PGA recovery of its demand entitlement proposals for the South District and the North District.

The motion passed, 4-0.

**E-015/M-12-1359**

**In the Matter of a Request by Minnesota Power for a Modification to its Service Extension Tariff**

**E-015/M-95-1441**

**In the Matter of a Request by Minnesota Power for a Modification to its Service Extension Tariff**

Commissioner Lange moved to take the following actions:

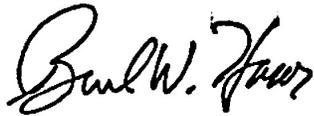
1. Approve the tariff sheets provided in MP's Compliance Petition, Attachments B and C, as satisfying the October 7, 2013 Commission Order requirements and authorize the tariff sheets to be put into effect on the date of the Commission Order. (Minnesota Power and Department Recommendation)
2. Approve the embedded cost study provided by MP that combines the General Service and Municipal Pumping service extension allowances into a single allowance as provided in MP's Compliance Petition, Attachment A. Approve the tariff sheets provided in MP's Compliance Petition, Attachments B and C, as satisfying the October 7, 2013 Commission Order requirements and authorize the tariff sheets to be put into effect on the date of the Commission Order. (Minnesota Power and Department Recommendation)
3. Approve MP's proposed method of calculating service extension costs using the \$12/foot approach for 1,000 feet or less and the CUE estimation program to calculate service extensions over 1,000 feet for single phase and for all three-phase service extensions. Approve the tariff sheets provided in MP's Compliance Petition, Attachments B and C, as satisfying the October 7, 2013 Commission Order requirements and authorize the tariff sheets to be put into effect on the date of the Commission Order. (Minnesota Power and Department Recommendation)

4. Approve the CUE estimation program as a guide in determining the \$/foot charge for service extensions of 1,000 feet or less revised on an annual basis through a February 1<sup>st</sup> compliance filing with the Commission starting in 2015, using a calculation similar to the method that led to Minnesota Power's calculation of \$16.53/foot charge. Direct Minnesota Power to annually calculate the \$/foot charge in the same manner used by MP in this docket. MP would sample its prior year service extension installations and recalculate the \$/foot charge from the sample using the CUE estimation program for its compliance petition. Approve the Department-recommended CUE estimation program method for service extensions over 1,000 feet for single-phase and for all three-phase service extensions.
5. Approve the edits made to its proposed tariffs in Minnesota Power's December 30, 2013 response comments.

The motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: January 22, 2014**



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**Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary**