

The Commission met on **Thursday, September 6, 2018**, with Chair Lange and Commissioners Lipschultz, Schuerger, Sieben, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

**E-015/M-18-401**

**In the Matter of Minnesota Power’s Petition for Approval of the 10 Blanchard Solar Power Purchase Agreement**

Commissioner Lange moved that the Commission:

1. Approve the 10 MW Blanchard Solar Project Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) as a reasonable and prudent way for the Company to continue to work towards meeting its obligations under Minn. Stat. § 216B.1691;
2. Authorize Minnesota Power to recover the PPA costs through Commission –approved methods for solar expenditures; and
3. Require Minnesota Power to engage in further discussion with the Department regarding its production modeling of solar resources as part of the Company’s next IRP proceeding.

The motion passed 5-0.

**E-002/M-15-111**

**In the Matter of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy’s Petition for Approval of a Residential Electric Vehicle Charging Tariff**

**E-017/M-15-112**

**In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company’s Request for Approval of a Residential Off-Peak Electric Vehicle Service Tariff**

**E-015/M-15-120**

**In the Matter of Minnesota Power’s Petition for Approval of a Residential Off-Peak Electric Vehicle Service Tariff**

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission:

1. Accept the utilities’ 2017 Annual Electric Vehicle (EV) Reports;
2. Require the utilities, in subsequent reports, to provide a breakdown of costs by educational and outreach initiatives, including, where possible a separation of costs used to promote the off peak charging tariff versus EV adoption in general; and
3. Approve Minnesota Power’s proposed changes to its EV Tariff.

The motion passed 5-0.

**E-999/M-18-205**

**In the Matter of Utilities' Annual Reports on Progress in Achieving the Solar Energy Standard**

**E-999/M-13-542**

**In the Matter of Implementation of Solar Energy Standards Pursuant to 2013 Amendments to Minnesota Statutes, Section 216B.1691**

0Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission:

1. Accept the utilities' 2016 Solar Energy Standard reports;
2. Clarify that Minn. Stat. § 216B.1691, subd. 2f(f) and Order Point 1 from the Commission's April 25, 2014 Order in Docket 13-543 refer to the shelf life eligibility of SRECs and not to the eligibility of solar generating facilities; and
3. Require Xcel Energy, within 30 days of the order, to provide a compliance filing updating their 2017-2018 SES Report to include all eligible solar facilities and associated SRECs.

The motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: September 19, 2018**

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Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary