



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

PUC Agenda Meeting

Thursday, July 31, 2025

10:00 AM

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. [Details 2023-201](#)

**** E002/CN-22-131; Northern States Power Co. d/b/a Xcel Energy
E002/TL-22-132**

In the Matter of the Applications of Xcel Energy for a Certificate of Need and Route Permit for the Minnesota Energy Connection Project in Sherburne, Stearns, Kandiyohi, Wright, Meeker, Chippewa, Yellow Medicine, Renville, Redwood, and Lyon counties in Minnesota.

Should the Commission grant the requests to reconsider its June 11, 2025, Order Modifying and Adopting Administrative Law Judge Report, Granting Certificate of Need, and Issuing Route Permit for the Minnesota Energy Connection Project? (PUC: **Ek**)

Note: The Commission has the authority to accept or decline a petition for reconsideration **with or without** a hearing or oral argument (Minnesota Rules 7829.3000, subp. 6).

2. [Details 2024-143](#)

*** IP7119/GS-23-477 Birch Coulee Solar LLC**

In the Matter of the Application of Birch Coulee Solar LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 125 MW Birch Coulee Solar Project in Renville County, Minnesota.

1. Should the Commission adopt the Administrative Law Judge's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendations?
2. 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?
3. Should the Commission issue a site permit for the up to 125-megawatt Birch Coulee Solar Project? (PUC: **Janezich**)

3. [Details 2025-135](#)

- * E002,E256/SA-25-192 Xcel Energy;
 City of Kasota**

In the Matter of the Request for a Tariff Exception and City of Kasota Service Area Transfer.

Should the Commission approve a one-time exception to the CIAC provisions in Xcel's Minnesota Electric Rate Book to cover the required service and meter socket upgrades and allow for service to be transferred back to Xcel Energy? (PUC: Noyce; DOC: Bologna)

4. [Details 2025-109](#)

- ** E,G999/PR-25-2 All Rate-Regulated Gas and Electric Utilities**

In the Matter of Utility Cold Weather Rule and Residential Customers Status Data.

1. Should the Commission take any action on the residential customer status data reported in docket no. E,G999/PR-25-2?
2. Should utilities be required to develop disconnection and payment arrangement policies and make them public?
3. Should the Commission take any action on Greater Minnesota Gas' delayed filing of its Cold Weather Rule report? (PUC: **McShane**)

ADJOURNMENT

*** One star indicates that an agenda item is not disputed.**

**** 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.**

Please note: For the complete record, please see eDockets.