

The Commission met on **Thursday, April 23, 2020** with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Means, Schuerger, Sullivan, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

**G-022/M-15-855**

**In the Matter of Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s Petition for Approval to Change its Gas Affordability Program**

Commissioner Sullivan moved that the Commission:

1. Accept GMG's GAP evaluation report for 2016-2018.
2. Authorize GMG to continue its GAP as a pilot program for three years through 2021.
3. Require GMG to submit revised GAP tariff language, if needed, within 10 days of the Commission order.
4. Require GMG to submit an evaluation report every three years, beginning May 31, 2022, covering program years 2019-2021.
5. Request that GMG use a new docket number when it files its next annual GAP compliance report and its next GAP evaluation report.

The motion passed 5-0.

**G-004/M-19-430**

**In the Matter of the Petition of Great Plains Natural Gas Co., a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2019-2020 Winter Heating Season**

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

1. Accept Great Plains' proposed demand entitlement levels for the 2019-2020 heating season.
2. Allow Great Plains to recover associated demand costs through the monthly purchased gas adjustment (PGA), effective November 1, 2019.
3. Accept Great Plains' proposed design-day methodology for its consolidated PGA areas.

4. Require Great Plains to conduct a design-day analysis based on daily data in its next demand entitlement filing and compare these results to its current design-day method.
5. Required Great Plains to file, in its next demand entitlement filing and supplemental filings:
  - a detailed explanation of excess reserve capacity, any impediments to efforts being made to release the excess capacity, and the impact on the Reserve Margin for the 2020 – 2021 heating season.
  - a detailed description of marketing efforts, when capacity releases were offered, amounts and prices offered but not accepted, and amounts released along with the payments received for those releases.

The motion passed 5-0.

**G-011/M-19-496**

**In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Approval of a Change in Demand Entitlements for the Northern Natural Gas PGA area.**

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**In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Approval of a Change in Demand Entitlements for the Consolidated PGA area**

Chair Sieben moved that the Commission:

1. Approve recovery of MERC's demand costs in the Northern Natural Gas territory through the monthly purchased gas adjustment (PGA), effective November 1, 2019.
2. Accept MERC's proposed total entitlement level in the Northern Natural Gas territory.
3. Approve recovery of MERC's demand costs in the Consolidated territories through the monthly PGA, effective November 1, 2019.
4. Accept MERC's proposed total entitlement level in the Consolidated territories.

The motion passed 5-0.

**E-002/AI-19-810**

**In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of a Shared Facilities Agreement for Interconnection Service Among Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC., Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC., and Crowned Ridge Interconnection, LLC.**

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission:

1. Approve the Shared Facilities Agreement for Interconnection Service among Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC, and Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC, and Crowned Ridge Interconnection, LLC.
2. Require Xcel to report the costs and revenues, including the resulting assignment or allocation used to share costs and revenues between CR1 and CR2, on an annual basis.

The motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: May 27, 2020**

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**Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary**