



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

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

Thursday, October 15, 2015

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS

DELIBERATION ITEMS

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **P6370/M-15-761 Preferred Long Distance Inc.**
In the Matter of the Request of Preferred Long Distance Inc. to Add Telpex Communications and Telpex to its Certificate of Authority, as Assumed Names. (PUC: Oberlander; DOC: Johnson) NOTE: Staff supports the Department's recommendations regarding the proposed name change and nomadic VoIP service.

Approved.
2. * **G011/M-15-776 Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation**
In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC) for Approval of a Tariff Revision and a New Area Surcharge for the Ely Lake Project Petition to Modify Previously Approved New Area Surcharge.

Should the Commission approve Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation's (MERC's) request to modify its Ely Lake New Area Surcharge (NAS) factors? (PUC: Brill)

Approved NAS factors and tariff language; required customer disclosures; required compliance filing.
3. * **G-002/M-14-654 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of a Petition by Northern States Power Company (Xcel) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2014-2015 Heating Season Supply Plan effective November 1, 2014.

Should the Commission approve Northern States Power Company (Xcel) proposed demand entitlement capacity (levels) and cost changes to meet its Design Day and Reserve Margin requirements as

described in the listed docket, effective November 1, 2014? (PUC: **Brill**)

Approved demand entitlements as amended; allowed recovery of demand costs through PGA; required compliance info; and required storage entitlements, by contract, in future petitions.

4. * **E,G002/M-15-618** **Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of Xcel's Request for an Extension of its Gas Capacity Utilization Accounting Treatment.

Should the Commission approve a permanent extension of the accounting treatment for the natural gas capacity utilization plan for Xcel's gas distribution and electric generation business units? (PUC: **Bender, Brill**)

Approved Capacity Utilization plan as permanent; accepted reporting agreement requirements; and required meeting with PUC staff and DOC.

5. ** **E002/GR-13-868** **Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in the State of Minnesota.

Should the Commission grant the petition for reconsideration of its August 31, 2015 Order as requested by the Office of the Attorney General?

If so, should the Commission change or modify its decision authorizing Xcel to recover its 2015 revenue deficiency as it accrued beginning on March 3, 2015 and through the date new, final rates are put into effect? (PUC: **Harding**)

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, Subpart 6) In other words, a decision on a petition for reconsideration can be made without taking oral comments at the Commission meeting.

Reconsideration denied.

6. * **E002/GR-13-868** **Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in the State of Minnesota.

Is the Company's September 2, 2015 Compliance Filing properly before the Commission?

If so, should the Commission approve the Company's September 2, 2015 Compliance Filing with additional reporting requirements as recommended by the Department of Commerce?

If not, should the Commission approve the Company's September 2, 2015 Compliance Filing with the additional reporting requirements recommended by the Department of Commerce, except for the Company's interim rate refund plan?

Should the Commission approve Xcel's plan for notifying customers about final rates and the interim rate refund? (PUC: **Harding**)

Compliance filing approved subject to conditions.

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)**

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