



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

Thursday, August 19, 2021

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INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **E017/M-20-882** **Otter Tail Power Company**
In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Petition to Add New Service Offerings to LED Street and Area Lighting Dusk to Dawn Electric Rate Schedule.

Should the Commission approve Otter Tail Power Company's Petition to Add New Service Offerings to LED Street and Area Lighting Dusk to Dawn Electric Rate Schedule? (PUC: **Bahn**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Approved petition with modification.

2. * **E015/M-20-830** **Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Proposed Changes for Lighting Rates and Options.

Should the Commission approve modifications to Minnesota Power's Outdoor and Area Lighting Service tariff? (PUC: **O'Grady**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Approved petition.

3. * **G004/M-21-217;** **All Commission Regulated Natural Gas Utilities**
G008/M-21-218;
G002/M-21-220;
G022/M-21-221;
G011/M-21-224
In the Matter of Application of Great Plains Natural Gas, for Approval of its 2020 Gas Affordability Program Annual Report and Updated GAP Surcharge;
In the Matter of Application of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., for Approval of its 2020 Gas Affordability Service Program Annual Report;
In the Matter of Application of Northern States Power Company for Approval of its 2020 Gas Affordability Program Annual Report and Proposed Tariff Modifications;
In the Matter of the Application of Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. for Approval of its 2020

Gas Affordability Program Annual Report;
In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for
Approval of its 2020 Gas Affordability Program Annual Report.

1. Should the Commission approve the Natural Gas Utilities' 2020 Gas Affordability Program (GAP) annual reports?
2. Should the Commission approve CenterPoint Energy's request to increase its surcharge rate to \$0.00264 per therm from \$0.00236 per therm?
3. Should the Commission authorize CenterPoint Energy to reduce payment requirement from 6% to 3% of its participating customers' income?
4. Should the Commission allow Xcel Energy to reduce payment requirement from 4% to 3% of its participating customers' income?
5. Should the Commission allow MERC to temporarily suspend the \$750,000 annual spending cap for 2021? (PUC: **Ubani**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)
[MERC Modified Decision Alternatives 8-16-21](#)
[CP Proposed Decision Option 8-16-21](#)
[ECC Alternative Decision Options 8-17-21](#)

Accepted reports and set additional requirements.

4. * **E002/M-20-620** **Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Wind Repower Portfolio.

Should the Commission approve Xcel Energy's First and Second Amendments to the Ewington Wind Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)? (PUC: **Stalpes**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Approved PPA and required compliance filing.

5. ** **E,G002/D-19-723** **Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of its 2020 Annual Review of Remaining Lives and Five-Year Depreciation Study.

Should the Commission approve:

- A two-year passage of time adjustment for most of Xcel Energy's electric and natural gas production and gas storage facilities;
- Modification to the remaining lives for the Wescott Gas Storage facility and the Luverne Wind2Battery System;
- Initial remaining life and net salvage rates for Blazing Star II, Crowned Ridge, Freeborn, and Dakota Range wind projects;
- Initial remaining life and net salvage rate for the Community Wind North and Jeffers Wind projects (Docket No. E002/M-18-777) and the Mower Wind project (Docket No. E002/M-19-553);

- Reserve reallocations to certain Steam and Other Production accounts; and
- Updates to the net salvage rates for electric and natural gas production and gas storage facilities based on the 5-year Dismantling Study. (PUC: **Hetherington, Worlobah**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)
 [Xcel Decision Options 8-11-21](#)
 [Updated Decision Options](#)

Approved petition in part.

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)

Please note: For the complete record, please see eDockets