

The Commission met on **Thursday, February 27, 2020** with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Means, Schuerger, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

**IP-6903/WS-18-179**

**In the Matter of the Application of Lake Benton Power Partners II, LLC for a Site Permit Amendment for the 100.2 MW Lake Benton II Wind Repowering Project and Associated Facilities in Pipestone County**

Commissioner Tuma moved to grant the request to transfer the site permit for the Lake Benton Project from Lake Benton Power Partners II, LLC, to Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel) and authorize the reissuance of the site permit effective with the Commission's order for the purpose of modifying the permittee.

The motion passed 4–0.

**G-002/PA-18-294**

**In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval to Sell Two Liquid Propane Fuel Storage Tanks, Associated Equipment, and Real Property (Subject Property) to Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend, LLC**

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Accept Xcel's compliance filing;
2. Direct Xcel to return the gain of \$6,138,346 as a direct bill credit, based on the approved apportionment of revenue responsibility from the last general rate case and distributed evenly by customer count in each rate class;
3. Direct Xcel to make a compliance filing including rate design and calculations 60 days before issuing the refund;
4. Direct Xcel to return the gain by mid-2020; and
5. Direct Xcel to submit a report after posting the return to customers.

The motion passed 4–0.

**E-999/CI-19-704**

**In the Matter of an Investigation into Self-Commitment and Self-Scheduling of Large Baseload Generation Facilities**

**E-002/M-19-809**

**In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of a Plan to Offer Generating Resources into the MISO Market on a Seasonal Basis**

Commissioner Schuerger moved to revise and clarify the Commission’s Order Accepting 2017–2018 Electric Reports and Setting Additional Requirements (November 13, 2019) in Docket No. E-999/AA-18-373, In the Matter of the Review of the 2017–2018 Annual Automatic Adjustment Report for All Electric Utilities, as follows:

1. The first annual filing shall cover the period from July 2018 to December 2019; each subsequent filing shall cover a calendar year.
2. Initial comments shall be due June 1, 2020.
3. For the remainder of this investigation, the Commission delegates authority to its Executive Secretary to establish additional procedures, vary deadlines, and set comment periods.

The motion passed 4–0.

**P-6721/RV-19-771**

**In the Matter of the Revocation of Worldview Video Relay Service LLC’s Certificate of Authority**

Commissioner Means moved that the Commission revoke Worldview Video Relay Service, LLC’s Certificate of Authority and inactivate carrier from the Commission’s Master Contact List until a disconnection order is issued.

The motion passed 4–0.

**P-999/PR-19-20**

**In the Matter of Lifeline Recertification Filings (Form 555)**

Chair Sieben moved that the Commission take no action on the item.

The motion passed 4-0.

**ET-6,6132/RP-19-416**

**In the Matter of Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. and Northern Municipal Power Agency's 2019 Resource Plan**

Chair Sieben moved that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Accept the Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. and Northern Municipal Power Agency (the Joint System) 2019 Integrated Resource Plan, and accept the Joint System's forecast for planning purposes;
2. Vary Minn. R. 7843.0300 and direct the Joint System to file its next resource plan no later than July 1, 2022;
3. Require Joint System, in its next resource plan, to update the Commission on the impact of the Regional Haze Rule on the Coyote Plant's operations and accordingly on the Joint System's resource needs;
4. Require Joint System, in its next resource plan, to comply with the Commission's August 5, 2013 letter regarding resource plan requirements and submit an evaluation of the Joint System's progress towards meeting Minnesota's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal, including comparing its actual 2015 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and projected 2025 emissions to the Joint System's actual 2005 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The Joint System should include scenarios that do not assume approval and success of carbon sequestration; and
5. Require Minnkota, in its next resource plan, to provide information about the extent to which any Minnesota member cooperatives are supplying up to five percent of their energy and capacity requirements from other sources.

The motion passed 4-0.

**E-015/M-19-684**

**In the Matter of Minnesota Power's 2019 Integrated Distribution Plan**

Chair Sieben moved that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Accept Minnesota Power's 2019 Integrated Distribution Plan (IDP). Acceptance is not a prudency determination of any proposed system modifications or investments;
2. Require Minnesota Power to discuss in future filings how the IDP meets the Commission's IDP Planning Objectives, including:

- a. Analysis of how the information in the IDP relates to each Planning Objective;
  - b. The location in the IDP;
  - c. Analysis of efforts taken by the Company to improve upon the fulfillment of the Planning Objectives; and
  - d. Suggestions as to any refinements to the IDP filing requirements that would enhance Minnesota Power's ability to meet the Planning Objectives.
3. Amend Minnesota Power's IDP Requirement 3.D.1(k) to read as follows:  
  
For each grid modernization project in its 5-year Action Plan, require Minnesota Power to provide a cost-benefit analysis based on the best information it has at the time and include a discussion of non-quantifiable benefits. Minnesota Power shall provide all information to support its analysis.
  4. Require Minnesota Power to continue to incorporate stakeholder suggested improvements in the 2021 IDP filed by November 1, 2021.

The motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: June 17, 2020**



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**Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary**