



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

Thursday, April 8, 2021

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INTRODUCTION

1. * **IP7039/CN-20-646; Louise Solar Project, LLC**
IP7039/GS-20-647

In the Matter of the Applications of Louise Solar Project, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the 50 MW Louise Solar Project in Mower County, Minnesota;
In the Matter of the Applications of Louise Solar Project, LLC for a Site Permit for the 50 MW Louise Solar Project in Mower County, Minnesota.

1. Should the Commission accept the certificate of need application as substantially complete and authorize review using the Commission's informal process or refer the matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings for contested case proceedings?
2. Should the Commission accept the site permit application as substantially complete and authorize review under the alternative permitting process?
3. Should the Commission direct that the certificate of need and site permit applications be processed jointly (i.e. joint public information meetings, joint public hearings, and an environmental assessment in lieu of an environmental report)?
4. Should the Commission appoint an advisory task force for the siting of the proposed solar energy generating system?
5. What actions should the Commission take concerning the public hearing process and procedures?
6. Should the Commission vary the time limits of certain rules related to the processing of the applications? (PUC: **Panait**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)
[Amended Decision Option - Commissioner Tuma](#)

Accepted applications as complete, approved joint application review, requested an environmental assessment, and requested an ALJ report.

2. * **G011/M-20-833 Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation**

In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Extension of Rule Variances to Recover the Costs of Financial Instruments Through the Purchased Gas Adjustment.

Should the Commission approve MERC's petition for a four-year extension of variances allowing the recovery of costs of financial instruments through the purchased gas adjustment (PGA)? (PUC: **Larson**)

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Granted rule variance.

3. **** G002/M-19-664 Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company, for Approval of a Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Rider True-up Report for 2019, Revenue Requirements for 2020, and Revised Adjustment Factors.

1. Should the Commission approve or modify Xcel Energy's proposed 2020 Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost (GUIC) Rider revenue requirement and adjustment factors?
2. Should the Commission accept Xcel Energy's GUIC Rider 2019 True-up Report?
(PUC: **Bonnett, Larson**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Approved revenue requirement and adjustment factor with modifications, accepted true-up report, and required compliance filings.

4. **** P6652/SA-21-82 Big River Telephone Company, LLC (Big River)**
In the Matter of a Petition of Big River Telephone Company, LLC for an Amended Certificate of Authority to Expand Service Area.

Should the Commission approve Big River Telephone's petition to amend its existing Certificate of Authority to allow the Company to provide local exchange services in the municipality of Red Lake Falls? (PUC: **Fournier**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Granted petition, required compliance filing.

ADJOURNMENT

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