



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

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

Thursday, December 4, 2014

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS

DELIBERATION ITEMS

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **P5692,6857/PA-14-817 MegaPath Corporation;
GC Pivotal, LLC d/b/a Global Capacity**
In the Matter of the Joint Application of MegaPath Corporation and GC Pivotal, LLC d/b/a Global Capacity for Approval to Participate in an Asset Transfer Transaction. (PUC: O'Grady; DOC: Linscheid)
NOTE: The Company does not object to the Department's recommendation for partial approval of its application.

Attachments: [DOC Comments 11-6-14 PUBLIC](#)

Asset transfer approved with conditions; petition to relinquish certificate of authority denied.

2. * **E015/TL-11-915 Great River Energy**
In the Matter of the Route Permit Application by Great River Energy for the Enterprise Park to Crooked Lake 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Anoka County, Minnesota.

Should the Commission approve the transfer of the route permit?
(PUC: Kaluzniak)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Permit transfer approved.

3. ** **PL6668/CN-13-473; North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC
PL6668/PPL-13-474**
In the Matter of the Application of North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC for a Certificate of Need for the Sandpiper Pipeline Project in Minnesota;
In the Matter of the Application of North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC for a Pipeline Routing Permit for the Sandpiper Pipeline Project

in Minnesota.

Should the Commission reconsider its October 7, 2014 Order Separating Certificate of Need and Route Permit Proceedings and Requiring Environmental Review of System Alternatives? (PUC: **Ek**)

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.

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)
[Supplement to Briefing Papers](#)

Petitions for reconsideration denied.

4. **E221,E148/SA-14-825 City of Buffalo;
Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association**
Joint Request of the City of Buffalo and Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association, Collectively the Parties, to Modify Electric Service Territory Boundaries. (PUC: Rebholz; DOC: Lusti)

Attachments: [DOC Supplemental Comments 11-5-14](#)

Service territory boundary transfer approved.

5. * **E002/M-14-814 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of a Petition by Xcel Energy for Approval of its RDF Report, Tracker Account True-up, and 2015 Rate Rider Factor.

Should the Commission approve Xcel's request for approval of its RDF report, tracker account true-up and 2015 rate rider factor? (PUC: **Mackenzie**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

RDF rider approved as modified; filings required.

6. * **E016/M-14-666 Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company**
In the Matter of the Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company (NVEC) 2013 Annual Safety, Reliability, Service Quality Report, and Proposed Annual Reliability Standards for 2014.

Should the Commission Accept NVEC's Safety, Reliability, service Quality Reports for 2013 and Its Proposed Annual Reliability Standards for 2014? (PUC: **Fournier**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Reports accepted; reliability standards set for 2014.

7. * **E017/M-14-279** **Otter Tail Power Company**
In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's ("Otter Tail") 2013 Annual Safety, Reliability, Service Quality Report, and Proposed Annual Reliability Standards for 2014.
- Should the Commission Accept Otter Tail's Safety, Reliability, Service Quality Reports for 2013 and Its Proposed Annual Reliability Standards for 2014?
Should the Commission accept Otter Tail's proposed annual reliability standards for 2014? (PUC: **Fournier**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Reports accepted; reliability standards set for 2014.

8. * **E015/M-14-281** **Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of the Minnesota Power Company's (MP) 2013 Annual Safety, Reliability, Service Quality Report, and Proposed Annual Reliability Standards for 2014.
- Should the Commission Accept MP's Safety, Reliability, service Quality Reports for 2013 and Its Proposed Annual Reliability Standards for 2014?
Should the Commission accept MP's proposed annual reliability standards for 2014? (PUC: **Fournier**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Reports accepted; reliability standards set for 2014.

9. * **E001/M-14-282** **Interstate Power and Light Company**
In the Matter of Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) 2013 Annual Safety, Reliability, Service Quality Report, and Proposed Annual Reliability Standards for 2014.
- Should the Commission Accept IPL's Safety, Reliability, service Quality Reports for 2013 and Its Proposed Annual Reliability Standards for 2014?
Should the Commission accept IPL's proposed annual reliability standards for 2014?
Should require a IPL to file its 2014 safety, reliability and service quality reports on April 1, 2015? (PUC: **Fournier**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Reports accepted; reliability standards set for 2014.

10. * **E002/M-14-131** **Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's (Xcel) 2013 Annual Safety, Reliability, Service Quality Report, and Proposed Annual Reliability Standards for 2013.

Should the Commission Accept Xcel's Safety, Reliability, service Quality Reports for 2013 and Its Proposed Annual Reliability Standards for 2014?

Should the Commission accept Xcel's proposed annual reliability standards for 2014? (PUC: **Fournier**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Reports accepted; reliability standards set for 2014.

11. * **E999/CI-08-948** **All Rate-Regulated Electric Utilities**
In the Matter of the Commission Consideration of Standards Related to Smart Grid Investments and Information under the Federal Independence and Security Act of 2007.

What smart grid projects have utilities reported in their 2014 smart grid reports? (PUC: **Twite**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Docket closed.

12. ** **E001,115,140,105,139, 124,126,145,132,114, 6521,142,135/PA-14-322** **Interstate Power and Light Company; Southern Minnesota Electrical Coop together (the "Joint Petitioners")**

In the Matter of a Request for the Approval of the Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement Between Interstate Power and Light Company and Southern Minnesota Energy Cooperative.

Should the Commission compel IPL and SMEC to respond to MCC's information requests (IRs) Numbers 14 through 42? Alternatively, should the Commission authorize IPL and SMEC to either not respond to MCC or limit their response to ten IRs of MCC's choosing? If IPL and SMEC are required to respond to MCC, should the deadline for IPL and SMEC to respond be extended to December 2nd?

Should the Commission allow parties fourteen days to respond to new issues raised in reply comments currently scheduled for December 8th?

Should the Commission designate a lead Commissioner, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, subd. 9, to handle any future disputes

regarding discovery and record development? (PUC: **Kaml, Dasinger, Alonso, Twite**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Set discovery deadline; appointed lead commissioner.

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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