

The Commission met on **Thursday, March 30, 2017**, with Chair Lange and Commissioners Lipschultz, Sieben, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

ENERGY AGENDA

E-015/GR-16-664

In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in Minnesota

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission accept Minnesota Power's proposed reduction to interim rates and authorize Minnesota Power to implement revised interim rates for service rendered on and after May 1, 2017.

The motion passed 4–0.

ET-10/RP-16-509

In the Matter of Missouri Basin Municipal Power Agency's (d/b/a Missouri River Energy Services) 2017–2031 Resource Plan

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Accept MRES's resource plan as filed and supplemented in its February 28, 2017 reply comments, with advisory recommendations noted below.
2. Accept MRES's short term energy and demand forecasts for planning purposes.
3. Advise MRES to meet with the Department within six months of the Commission Order to discuss forecasting issues raised by the Department in its initial comments.
4. Advise MRES to continue to strive to meet the energy savings of the Total Savings Base case.
5. In its next resource plan, advise MRES to consider:
 - a. additional conservation achievement under a variety of contingencies, similar to how supply units are studied;
 - b. modeling a greater number of contingencies, including modeling price contingencies for all resources options that are presented to the Agency's IRP model;
 - c. making generic units with varying characteristics available in different years if it would aid in the Agency's modeling;

- d. ways to further limit the Agency's exposure to spot market prices;
 - e. modeling all costs for generic wind and solar units as a single, per MWh charge; and
 - f. the Agency's analysis of wind and solar additions, with a goal of determining the price per MWh at which additions of wind and solar capacity are least cost for MRES's system.
6. Advise that if MRES files a certificate of need with the Commission, it should update its analysis of wind and solar additions by modeling all costs for generic wind and solar units as a single, per MWh charge; with a goal of determining the price per MWh at which additions of wind and solar capacity are least cost for MRES's system.
 7. MRES should file its next resource plan on July 1, 2021.
 8. No later than September 1, 2017, require MRES to file a description of its plan for MISO/SPP capacity adjustments.

The motion passed 4–0.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

P-6850/M-15-833

In the Matter of WiMacTel Inc. dba Intelicall Operator Services Revised Tariff

Commissioner Lipschultz moved to take the following actions:


1. Delegate to the Executive Secretary authority to, in consultation with the Department, determine whether WiMacTel's revised signage to be posted at each of its payphone locations in Minnesota clearly states the amount the customer will be billed for calls placed using coin and non-coin payment methods. The revised signage must:
 - a) correct the signage referencing the Commission's Consumer Affairs Office telephone number to read "For complaints call: 1-800-657-3782.";
 - b) identify the US mailing address for WiMacTel;
 - c) identify the cost for a coin call;
 - d) identify the cost for a credit card call;
 - e) identify the cost for a telephone calling card call, specifically including a statement that the cost charged by WiMacTel is in addition to any cost that the calling-card issuer will charge the customer for using the calling card;
 - f) identify the telephone number for a free call to obtain rate information.

2. Require WiMacTel to:
 - a) within 10 days of the order, submit the revised signage to the Executive Secretary for review, to be conducted in consultation with the Department;
 - b) post the revised signage at each Minnesota pay phone location within 45 days of the Executive Secretary's approval, and certify to the Commission that the posting is complete with a sworn affidavit with photos of the revised signage at each pay phone location in Minnesota.
3. Within 20 days of the order, require WiMacTel to send to each of its pay phone service contracting partners in Minnesota a copy of the order.
4. Within 5 days of the order, require WiMacTel to submit to the Commission for approval a copy of its proposed cover letter that will accompany the Commission order required to be mailed in paragraph 3, above. The letter should include a statement that informs recipients to contact the Department with concerns or complaints, and provide a contact telephone number for the Department.
5. Delegate to the Executive Secretary authority to, in consultation with the Department, review and approve the proposed cover letter.
6. Within 30 days of the Executive Secretary's approval of the cover letter, WiMacTel shall certify to the Commission that the mailing of the Commission order is complete by filing a sworn affidavit with certified receipts of delivery for each of WiMacTel's pay phone service contracting parties in Minnesota.

The motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: July 26, 2017



Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary