



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

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INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **E015/GR-19-442** **Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of the Application by Minnesota Power for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in Minnesota.

Should the Commission approve the Citizens Utility Board of Minnesota's request for Intervenor compensation in the amount of \$37,821? (PUC: **Bonnett**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Granted request for intervenor compensation.

2. * **E015/GR-16-664** **Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Utility Service in Minnesota.

Should the Commission adopt the Department recommendation to: (1) accept Minnesota Power's annual incentive compensation compliance report for the year 2019 as being compliant with the Commission's Order, (2) authorize the refund to begin on April 1, 2021 as requested by Minnesota Power rather than March 21, 2021 as initially proposed, and (3) require a compliance report on the actual customer refund within 30 days of completing the refund process? (PUC: Bender; DOC: Lusti)

Attachments: [DOC Comments 9-17-20 16-664](#)
 [MP Reply Comments 9-18-20 16-664](#)

Accepted report and approved refund for April 1, 2021.

3. * **E,G002/M-20-516;** **Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**
 E002/GR-92-1185;
 G002/GR-92-1186
In the Matter of Northern States Power Company's Report on the Operation and Performance of Its 2019 Incentive Compensation Plan;
In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company for Authority to Increase Its Rates for Electric Service in the State of Minnesota;
In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company's Gas Utility for Authority

to Change Its Schedule of Gas Rates for Retail Customers Within the State of Minnesota.

Should the Commission adopt the Department recommendation to: (1) accept the Company's 2019 Annual Report on the Operation and Performance of its 2019 Incentive Compensation Plan as being compliant with the Commission's Orders; (2) require Xcel to refund electric ratepayers \$2,166,660, and natural gas ratepayers \$119,509 as a result of over-recovering the amounts eligible for recovery; (3) allow Xcel to combine these refunds with other refunds, so long as customers are notified about the bases for the refunds, and so long as the refunds are provided as soon as possible; and (4) require Xcel to apply interest at the prime rate to the refunds? (PUC: Bender; DOC: Lusti)

Attachments: [DOC Comments 6-26-20 20-516 et al](#)
[Xcel Reply Comments 7-9-20](#)

Accepted report and approved refunds.

4. * **E002/GR-15-826; Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**
E,G002/M-20-516;
E002/GR-92-1185;
G002/GR-92-1186

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in the State of Minnesota;
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In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company's Gas Utility for Authority to Change Its Schedule of Gas Rates for Retail Customers Within the State of Minnesota.

Should the Commission adopt the Department recommendation to: (1) approve Xcel's 2019 property tax refund; (2) approve the Company's proposed plan to combine the 2019 property tax and incentive compensation refunds; (3) require that Xcel's finalized refund message included on customer bills alert ratepayers to the reasons for the refund; (4) require Xcel to implement the issuance of its 2019 combined property tax and incentive compensation refunds in the fourth quarter of 2020; (5) require Xcel to file a compliance report summarizing the results of the 2019 combined property tax and incentive compensation refunds within 30 days of completing the refund process; and (6) Require Xcel to apply, on a monthly, compounding basis, a 4.31 and 3.25 percent annual interest rate to its 2019 property tax and incentive compensation refund, respectively, from June 1, 2020 through the month immediately preceding the billing cycle in which the Company actually issues this refund to ratepayers. (PUC: Alonso; DOC: Miltich)

Attachments: [DOC Comments 7-21-20 15-826 et al](#)
[Xcel Reply Comments 8-10-20 15-826 et al](#)

Approved refunds with additional requirements.

5. * **IP6499/WS-05-1707** **Fenton Power Partners I, LLC**
 In the Matter of a Site Permit for the 205.5 Megawatt Fenton Power Partners I, LLC,
 Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit in Murray and Nobles Counties.
- Should the Commission approve the site permit amendments requested by Fenton
 Power Partners I, LLC? (PUC: **Ek**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Granted permit amendments and accepted compliance filings.

6. ***PULLED***
- * ~~**E999/M-17-123**~~ ~~**All Electric**~~
 In the Matter of the Department of Commerce Workgroup on Wind and Solar Facilities.
- How should the Commission proceed in the matter of decommissioning plans? (PUC:
 Bruce)

Pulled.

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