



**Minnesota Public Utilities
Commission
Decisions**

121 7th Place East
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PUC Agenda Meeting

Thursday, December 21, 2017

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **IP6984/CN-17-676 Flying Cow Wind, LLC**
In the Matter of the Application of Flying Cow Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the 150 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota.
1. Should the Commission accept the certificate of need application as substantially complete?
 2. Should the Commission direct that the application be evaluated using the informal review process or refer the application to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested case proceeding?
 3. Should the Commission vary the time limits of its rules that relate to application completeness and date of the information/ER scoping meeting? (PUC: **Panait**)

CoN application accepted for informal review. Variances granted.

2. ** **E015/PA-17-457; Minnesota Power**
E015/PA-17-459;
E015/PA-17-460;
E015/PA-17-461
In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Power for Approval of a Purchase Agreement for the Sale of the Aurora Service Center to Lakehead Constructors, Inc.;
- In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Power for Approval of a Purchase Agreement for the Sale of the Chisolm Service Center to United Way of Northeastern Minnesota, Inc.;
- In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Power for Approval of a Purchase Agreement for the Sale of Land and Buildings near the Boswell Energy Center to Airmark, Inc. d/b/a Nelson Wood Shims;
- In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Power for Approval of a Purchase Agreement for the Purchase of the Long Prairie Service Center from the State of Minnesota-Department of Military Affairs.
1. Should the Commission approve the proposed property

transactions?

2. If approved, should the Commission require Minnesota Power to establish a regulatory liability account to track collected revenues and costs that the Company is no longer incurring associated with the proposed property transactions? (PUC: **Bartusch, Alonso**)

Transactions approved with conditions, including condition to use deferred accounting. Variance granted.

3.

**** E015/PA-17-400 Minnesota Power**

In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Power for Approval of the Purchase of Transmission Assets and Approval of a Substation Access Easement Agreement with United Taconite, LLC.

1. Should the Commission approve the Transmission Asset and Substation Access Agreement between United Taconite, LLC and Minnesota Power?
2. Should the Commission accept MP's explanation of the actual revenue requirement impact on the rate case of the purchase of the United Taconite Transmission Assets and MP's explanation of why this is reasonable? (PUC: **Bartusch, Alonso**)

Approved w/ MP's accounting treatment; variance granted.

4.

*** E002/M-17-528 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval to Sell 365 Acres of Sherco Land.

Should Xcel Energy's request to sell 365 acres of Sherco land be approved? (PUC: **Alonso, Brill**)

Approved as modified.

5.

**** E002/PA-17-529 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval to Sell Land and Tanks to Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend, LLC.

1. Should the Commission approve the proposed sale of facilities (land and tanks) to Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend, LLC?
2. Should the Commission approve Xcel Energy's proposal to keep a portion of the gain from the sale of facilities to Flint Hill Resources Pine Bend, LLC?
3. Should the Commission grant Xcel Energy's requested variances? (PUC: **Brill, Alonso**)

Approved with compliance requirements; variance granted.

**6. ** G002/M-16-891 Northern States Power Company d/b/a
Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy, for Approval of a Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Rider True-up Report for 2016, the Forecasted 2017 Revenue Requirements, and Revised Adjustment Factors.

1. Should the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission accept Xcel Energy's Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Rider True-up Report for 2016?
2. Should the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission approve or modify Xcel Energy's proposed rate of return used for determining the Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Rider revenue requirements?
3. Should the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission approve or modify Xcel Energy's proposed 2017 Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Rider revenue requirement and adjustment factor? (PUC: **Bonnett, Brill, Krishnan**)

Approved rider proposal with modifications; required compliance filing.

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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