

The Commission met on **Thursday, August 20, 2020**, with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Means, Schuerger, Sullivan, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

E-275,134/SA-20-288

In the Matter of the Joint Request of the Moorhead Public Service Commission and Red River Valley Cooperative Power Association to Update Electric Service Territory Records

Commissioner Means moved for the Commission to do the following:

1. Approved the permanent service territory transfer from Red River Valley Cooperative Power Association to the City of Moorhead.
2. Requested that the Minnesota Geospatial Information Office update the Commission's maps to reflect the service area designations as shown on the map in the petition.

The motion passed 5–0.

E-290,142/SA-20-566

In the Matter of the Joint Request of Owatonna Public Utilities and Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric to Update Electric Service Territory Records

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission do the following:

1. Approved the permanent service territory transfer from Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric to Owatonna Public Utilities, with the clarification filed by Owatonna Public Utilities on August 5, 2020.
2. Requested that the Minnesota Geospatial Information Office update the Commission's maps to reflect the service area designations as shown on the map in the petition.

The motion passed 5–0.

E-015/GR-19-442

E-015/M-20-429

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

Chair Sieben moved for the Commission to approve Minnesota Power's June 8, 2020 Interim Rate refund Plan.

The motion passed 5–0.

E-999/AA-20-171

In the Matter of the Review of the July 2018-December 2019 Annual Automatic Adjustment Reports

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission do the following:

1. Accept –
 - a. the Annual Automatic Adjustment reports for July 1, 2018–December 31, 2019, as filed and subsequently amended by Minnesota Power, Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy, and Otter Tail Power Company, as substantially complete under Minn. R. 7825.2390 through 7825.2920;
 - b. the compliance filings required by Commission order, as discussed in the report of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Section III, A through R;
 - c. the Companies' MISO Day 2, asset-based margin, and ancillary services market reporting; and
 - d. the Companies' auditor reports filed under Minn. R. 7825.2820.
2. Find a genuine issue of material fact in dispute about whether Minnesota Power's forced outage costs for the period were reasonable and prudent, and if not, the amount of overcharges (plus interest) that should be returned to ratepayers through the Fuel Clause Adjustment mechanism.
3. Refer the issue to the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for a contested case proceeding where the company bears the burden to establish that any or all of the forced outage costs were reasonably and prudently incurred applying good utility practices.
4. If the Minnesota Department of Commerce deems it necessary, authorize the Department to retain an expert under Minn. Stat. § 216B.62.

5. Delegate to the Executive Secretary to establish the schedule with the OAH for the submitting the report of the contested case.

The motion passed 5–0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: December 16, 2020

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Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary