



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

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

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Thursday, October 30, 2014

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

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**INTRODUCTION**

**ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS**

**DELIBERATION ITEMS**

**DECISION ITEMS**

1. \* **IP6853/WS-10-1240;**      **Black Oak Wind, LLC;**  
**IP6866/WS-11-831**      **Getty Wind Company, LLC**  
In the Matter of the Application of Black Oak Wind, LLC for a Site Permit for a 42 Megawatt Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Stearns County, Minnesota;  
In the Matter of the Application of Getty Wind Company, LLC for a Site Permit for a 40 Megawatt Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Stearns County, Minnesota.

Should the Commission amend the Black Oak and Getty Site Permits to specify a different type of wind turbine model, a different total number of turbines, and a different preliminary turbine layout? (PUC: **Ek**)

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**Granted petition as modified.**

2. \*\* **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 August 25, 2014 Order Accepting Route and System Alternatives for Evidentiary Development, Requiring Notice, and Setting Procedures? (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.

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**Denied reconsideration; clarified record.**

**3. G008/GR-05-1380; All Regulated Natural Gas Utilities**

**\*\* G002/GR-06-1429;  
G007,011/M-07-1131;  
G004/M-07-1235;  
G001/M-07-1295;  
G022/CI-08-1175**

In the Matter of the Application of CenterPoint Energy for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota;

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation and Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Xcel Energy Inc., for Authority to Increase Rates for Natural Gas Service in Minnesota;

In the Matter of the Petition Submitted by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Approval by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission of a Gas Affordability Service Program;

In the Matter of the Petition by Great Plains Natural Gas Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., for Approval of a Gas Affordability Service Program;

In the Matter of a Petition Submitted by Interstate Power and Light Company Requesting Approval by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission of a Proposed Natural Gas Affordability Program, Including a Cost Recovery Surcharge;

In the Matter of Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s Failure to File an Affordability Program Under Minn. Stat. §216B.16, Subd. 15.

Review and acceptance of the 2013 Gas Affordability Program (GAP) annual compliance reports. (PUC: **Schwieger, Harding**)

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**Accepted 2013 gas affordability plans; required filings.**

**4. \* G004/M-07-1235 Great Plains Natural Gas (GPNG) Company**

In the Matter of the Petition by Great Plains Natural Gas Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., for Approval of a Gas Affordability Service Program.

Great Plains Natural Gas Company's evaluation of its Gas

Affordability Program and proposal to discontinue its Gas Affordability Program. (PUC: **Schwieger; Harding**)

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**Extended Great Plains gas affordability plan two years; required filings.**

5.           \*\* **G022/CI-08-1175**                   **Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.**  
In the Matter of Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s Failure to File an Affordability Program Under Minn. Stat. §216B.16, Subd. 15.
- Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s evaluation of its Gas Affordability Program and proposal to discontinue its Gas Affordability Program. (PUC: **Schwieger; Harding**)

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**Extended GMG gas affordability plan one year; required filings.**

6.           \*\* **G001/M-14-283**                   **Interstate Power and Light Company**  
In the Matter of IPL Gas's 2013 Demand Side Management Financial Incentives and Annual Filing to Update the CIP Rider.
1. Should the Commission approve IPL's 2013 CIP tracker account with an ending balance of (\$213,237)?
  2. Should the Commission approve an incentive of \$37,207 for IPL's 2013 CIP achievements to be included in the Company's tracker account no sooner than the issue date of the Commission's Order in this docket?
  3. At what level should the Commission set the Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment (CCRA) for 2014/2015?
  4. Should the Commission approve IPL's proposed bill message with the appropriate modifications to reflect an accurate effective date and gas CIP Adjustment Factor as determined by the Commission?
  5. Should the Commission eliminate the carrying charge or otherwise modify its application to IPL's tracker balance for the CIP rider effective with the date of the Commission's Order?  
(PUC: **Fournier**)

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**Approved tracker account, financial incentives, and bill message; set CCRA; reduced carrying charge.**

7.           \*\* **E001/M-14-284**                   **Interstate Power and Light Company**  
In the Matter Interstate Power and Light Electric's 2013 Demand Side Management Financial Incentives and Annual Filing to Update the CIP Rider.

1. Should the Commission approve IPL's 2013 CIP tracker account with an ending balance of \$2,209,305?
2. Should the Commission approve an incentive of 5263,420.53 for PL's 2013 CIP achievements?
3. At what level should the Commission set the CIP Adjustment Factor for 2014/2015?
4. Should the Commission approve IPL's proposed bill message with the appropriate modifications to reflect an accurate effective date and CIP Adjustment Factor as determined by the Commission?
5. Should the Commission eliminate the carrying charge or otherwise modify its application to IPL's tracker balance for the CIP rider effective with the date of the Commission's Order?  
(PUC: Fournier)

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**Approved tracker account, financial incentives, and bill message; set CCRA; reduced carrying charge.**

**8.                   \*\* E002/M-14-287                   Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of Xcel Energy Electric's 2013 Demand Side Management Financial Incentives and Annual Filing to Update the CIP Rider.

1. Should the Commission approve Xcel's 2013 CIP tracker account?
2. Should the Commission approve an incentive of \$42,679,496 for Xcel's 2013 CIP achievements?
3. Should the Commission approve a Solar\*Rewards financial incentive of \$50,434 for Xcel's 2013 achievements?
4. At what level should the Commission set the CIP Adjustment Factor for 2014/2015?
5. Should the Commission eliminate the carrying charge or otherwise modify its application to Xcel's tracker balance for the CIP rider effective with the date of the Commission's Order?  
(PUC: Fournier)

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**Approved tracker account and financial incentives; set CCRA; reduced carrying charge.**

**9.                   \*\* G002/M-14-288                   Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of Xcel Energy Gas's 2013 Demand Side Management Financial Incentives and Annual Filing to Update the CIP Rider.

1. Should the Commission approve Xcel's 2013 CIP tracker account?
2. Should the Commission approve an incentive of \$5,416,936 for Xcel's 2013 CIP achievements?
3. At what level should the Commission set the CTP Adjustment Factor for 2014/2015?
4. Should the Commission approve Xcel's proposed bill message with the appropriate modifications to reflect an accurate effective date and gas CIP Adjustment Factor as determined by the Commission?
5. Should the Commission eliminate the carrying charge or otherwise modify its application to Xcel's tracker balance for the CIP rider effective with the date of the Commission's Order?  
(PUC: **Fournier**)

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**Approved tracker account, financial incentives, and bill message; set CCRA; reduced carrying charge.**

10.

**\*\* G004/M-14-358                      Great Plains Natural Gas Company**

In the Matter of Great Plain's 2013 Demand Side Management Financial Incentives and Annual Filing to Update the CIP Rider.

1. Should the Commission approve Great Plain's 2013 CIP tracker account?
2. Should the Commission approve an incentive of \$24,137 for Great Plain's 2013 CIP achievements?
3. At what level should the Commission set the conservation cost recovery adjustment (CCRA) for 2014/2015?
4. Should the Commission eliminate the carrying charge or otherwise modify its application to Great Plain's tracker balance for the CIP rider effective with the date of the Commission's Order?
5. Should the Commission approve Great Plain's proposed bill message for publication in the billing month immediately following the date of the Order in this docket with the appropriate modifications to reflect an accurate effective date and gas CIP Adjustment Factor as determined by the Commission? (PUC: **Fournier**)

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**Approved tracker account, financial incentives, and bill message; set CCRA; reduced carrying charge.**

11.

**\*\* G008/M-14-368                      CenterPoint Energy**

In the Matter of Great Plain's 2013 Demand Side Management

Financial Incentives and Annual Filing to Update the CIP Rider.

1. Should the Commission approve an incentive of \$10,890,131 for CPE's 2013 CIP achievements?
2. Should the Commission approve CPE's 2013 CIP tracker account?
3. At what level should the Commission set the conservation cost recovery adjustment (CCRA) for 2014/2015?
4. Should the Commission eliminate the carrying charge or otherwise modify its application to CPE's tracker balance for the CIP rider effective with the date of the Commission's Order?
5. Should the Commission approve CPE's proposed bill message with the appropriate modifications to reflect an accurate effective date and gas CIP Adjustment Factor as determined by the Commission? (PUC: **Fournier**)

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**Approved tracker account, financial incentives, and bill message; set CCRA; reduced carrying charge.**

12.           \*\* **ET6125/RP-14-534;**           **Basin Electric Power Cooperative;**  
                  **ET3/RP-14-572**               **Dairyland Power Cooperative**  
                  In the Matter of Basin Electric Power Cooperative's Optional  
                  Integrated Resource Plan Compliance;  
                  In the Matter of Dairyland Power Cooperative's Optional Integrated  
                  Resource Plan Compliance.

What action should the Commission take on Basin and Dairyland's filings? (PUC: **Rebholz**)

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**Acknowledged receipt of compliance reports.**

13.           \*\* **E999/R-13-729**               **All Electric**  
                  In the Matter of Possible Amendments to Rules Governing  
                  Cogeneration and Small Power Production, Minnesota Rules,  
                  Chapter 7835.

Whether to publish the attached rules draft as proposed rules in the State Register (PUC: **Kahlert**)

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**Authorized publication of proposed rules.**

## 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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