

The Commission met on **Friday, June 19, 2015**, with Commissioners Lange, Lipschultz, Tuma, and Wergin present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

## **ENERGY AGENDA**

### **G-001/M-15-325**

#### **A Request by Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL or the Company) for Approval of the Company's 2014 Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment and 2014 Natural Gas Demand Side Management Financial Incentive**

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission:

1. Approve IPL's 2014 DSM financial incentive of \$76,476 to be included in the Company's CIP tracker account no sooner than the issue date of this Order.
2. Approve the CIP tracker activity and end of 2014 tracker balance as shown in Table 1 of the Department's comments.
3. Approve the revised gas CCRA of \$0.023 per therm for all of IPL's Minnesota customer classes, to be effective on the first billing cycle in the next full month after Commission approval, conditioned on the Company submitting, within 10 days of the issue date of the Order in the present docket, a compliance filing with the relevant tariff sheets and necessary calculations that comply with the Commission's determinations; and
4. Require IPL to include the following bill message (with the appropriate rate) in the billing month immediately following the date of this order.

IPL recovers the costs of its energy conservation programs in Minnesota through a Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment (CCRA). The CCRA is an annual adjustment subject to Minnesota Public Utilities Commission approval. Based on actual and anticipated energy efficiency costs, the revised 2015/2016 CCRA, as approved by the Commission, will be \$0.023 per therm effective [insert date]. Learn more about reducing your energy use by visiting our website at [www.alliantenergy.com/save](http://www.alliantenergy.com/save) or calling us at 1-866-255-4268.

The motion passed 4-0.

**E-001/M-15-326**

**A Request by Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL or the Company) for Approval of the Company's Electric Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment (CCRA) and 2014 Electric Demand Side Management (DSM) Financial Incentive**

Commissioner Lange moved that the Commission:

1. Approve IPL's proposed electric DSM financial incentive of \$486,473.82 for the Company's 2014 CIP achievements to be included in the Company's CIP tracker account no sooner than the issue date of this order.
2. Approve the CIP tracker activity and end of 2014 tracker balance as shown in Table 2 of the Department's comments.
3. Approve the revised electric CCRA of \$0.0034 per kWh for all of IPL's Minnesota electric customer classes, to be effective on the first billing cycle in the next full month after Commission approval, conditioned on the Company submitting, within 10 days of the issue date of the Order in the present docket, a compliance filing with the relevant tariff sheets and necessary calculations that comply with the Commission's determinations; and
4. Require IPL to include the following bill message (with the appropriate rate) in the billing month immediately following the date of this order.

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The motion passed 4-0.

**E-002/M-15-320**

**A Petition by Northern States Power Company, Requesting Approval of a Proposed 2014 DSM Financial Incentive and the Conservation Cost Recovery Contained in its Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) Tracker Account**

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission approve:

1. The 2014 Xcel Electric CIP Tracker Account activity shown in Table 1 of the Department's comments, pending a response from the Company in reply comments.

2. Xcel's proposed bill message effective the first month the 2015/2016 CIP Adjustment Factor takes effect.
3. A DSM financial incentive of \$40,179,927 for Xcel's 2014 electric CIP achievements.
4. A Solar Rewards financial incentive of \$96,148 for Xcel's 2014 achievements.
5. A CIP Adjustment Factor for 2015/2016 of \$0.001414.

The motion passed 4-0.

**G-002/M-15-321**

**A Petition by Northern States Power Company, Requesting Approval of a Proposed Gas 2014 DSM Financial Incentive and the Conservation Cost Recovery Contained in its Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) Natural Gas Tracker Account**

Commissioner Lange moved that the Commission:

1. Approve Xcel's proposed 2014 gas DSM financial incentive of \$5,781,193 and allow Xcel to include the incentive in the Company's gas CIP Tracker Account no sooner than the issue date of this order.
2. Approve Xcel's 2014 gas CIP tracker account activity, as provided in the Company's petition and summarized in Table 1 of the Department's comments, pending the Company's response to the Department's requested information in Reply Comments.
3. Allow Xcel to implement its proposed gas CIP Adjustment Factor of \$0.2092 per dekatherm beginning in the first billing cycle in the next full month after Commission approval, conditional on the Company submitting, within 10 days of this order, a compliance filing with tariff sheets and necessary calculations that comply with the Commission's determinations in this matter.

The motion passed 4-0.

**G-008/M-15-397**

**In the Matter of the Petition of CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas for Approval of a Variance from Minnesota Rule 7820.5300 DETERMINATION OF DELINQUENCY Related to its Automatic Bank Draft Plan for Customer-Selected Due Dates**

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission approve the petition and grant a variance to CenterPoint Energy for extension of their six-year variance to Minn. R. 7820.5300, subp. 2, with an effective date no later than September 2015.

The motion passed 4-0.

**E,G-002/CI-14-56**

**In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy Compliance with Minnesota Rules, Part 7826.0800, Customer Notice of Planned Service Interruptions, and its Related Tariffs**

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission take no further action, conclude that the Company has taken appropriate action to remedy previous deficiencies regarding planned outage notifications, and close the docket.

The motion passed 4-0.

**E,G-001/D-15-284**

**In the Matter of Interstate Power and Light Company's Petition for Approval of its Depreciation Rates for 2015**

Commissioner Lange moved that the Commission not require IPL to file a five-year depreciation study for IPL's former Minnesota natural gas utility assets acquired by MERC and not require IPL to file a five-year depreciation study for IPL's former Minnesota electric utility assets acquired by SMEC.

The motion passed 4-0.

**E,G-999/CI-14-423**

**In the Matter of the Commission Investigation Regarding the Appropriate Regulatory Response to Propane Storage Projects**

This item was pulled from the agenda.

**IP-6943/GS-15-33**

**In the Matter of the Combined Application of North Star Solar PV LLC for a Site Permit and Route Permit for the North Star Solar Electric Power Generating Plant and Associated 115 kV High-Voltage Transmission Line in Chisago County, Minnesota**

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission:

1. Take no action on additional sites and routes.
2. Direct use of the Summary Proceeding Process and request that the Administrative Law Judge adapt the existing procedural framework under Minn. R. 7850.3800, to incorporate the following:

- a. Request that the Administrative Law Judge assigned to the matter emphasize the statutory time frame for the Commission to make final decisions on applications and to strongly encourage the parties and participants to adhere to a schedule that conforms to the statutory time frame.
- b. Request that the Administrative Law Judge ask the parties, participants, and the public to address whether the proposed project meets the selection criteria established in Minn. Stat. § 216E.03, subd. 7, and Minn. R. 7850.4100.
- c. Request that the Administrative Law Judge prepare a report setting forth findings, conclusions, and recommendations on the merits of the proposed project, identify a preferred site and route alternative applying the routing criteria set forth in statute and rule, and provide comments and recommendations, if any, on the conditions and provisions of the proposed permits.

The motion passed 4-0.

**IP-6941/GS-14-1052**

**In the Matter of the Application of Marshall Solar, LLC for a Site Permit for the Marshall Solar Energy Project and Associated Facilities in Lyon County, Minnesota**

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission take no action.

The motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: September 9, 2015**



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**Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary**