



**Minnesota Public Utilities
Commission
Decisions**

121 7th Place East
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PUC Agenda Meeting

Thursday, December 14, 2017

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **IP6964/CN-16-289 Nobles 2 Power Partners, LLC**
In the Matter of the Application of Nobles 2 Power Partners, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the up to 260 MW Nobles 2 Wind Project and Associated Facilities in Nobles County, Minnesota.
 1. Should the Commission accept the application as complete?
 2. Should the Commission direct the use of the informal review process?
 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: **Kaluzniak**)

Accepted the certificate of need application as complete, directed the use of the informal review process, and varied the time limits.

2. * **IP6961/WS-17-597 Nobles 2 Power Partners, LLC**
In the Matter of the Application of Nobles 2 Power Partners, LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 260 MW Nobles 2 Wind Project and Associated Facilities in Nobles County, Minnesota.
 1. Should the Commission accept the site permit application as substantially complete?
 2. What procedural process should the Commission authorize for evaluation of the site permit application?
 3. Should the Commission vary the time limits of its rules that relate to application completeness and draft permit issuance? (PUC: **Kaluzniak**)

Accepted the site permit application as substantially complete, outlined a procedural process, and varied time limits.

3. * **G004/M-17-625 Great Plains Natural Gas Co.**
In the Matter of the Petition of Great Plains Natural Gas Co. for Approval of Proposed Revisions to its Natural Gas Tariff to Comply with Federal

Pipeline Safety Regulations 49 CFR Part 192.383. (PUC: Bonnett;
DOC: Ouanes)

Approved the proposed tariff change with modifications; opened a generic investigation into the tariffs and customer notification practices of gas utilities regarding excess flow valves.

4.

**** E015/M-16-564; Minnesota Power
E015/GR-16-664**

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Revised Petition for a Competitive Rate for Energy-Intensive Trade-Exposed (EITE) Customers and an EITE Cost Recovery Rider;

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

1. Should the Commission reconsider or reopen its Cost Recovery Orders?
2. If so, should the Cost Recovery Orders be modified? (PUC: **O'Grady**)

The commission shall decide a petition for rehearing, amendment, vacation, reconsideration, or reargument with or without a hearing or oral argument. The commission may vacate or stay the order, or part of the order, that is the subject of the petition, pending action on the petition. [Minn. Rules 7829.3000, subp. 6]

Denied reconsideration.

5.

**** E002/M-17-425 Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of a Petition by Xcel Energy for Approval of Solar Energy Standard Customer Exclusion Cost Treatment.

Should the Commission approve Xcel's request for a method to exclude Solar Energy Standard (SES) exempt customers from SES-related costs in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 216B.1691, subd. 2f(f)? (PUC: **Mackenzie**)

Approved the Company's proposal, required filings, and made additional findings.

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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