



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

Thursday, July 29, 2021

9:15 AM

Online via Webex

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **E017/M-16-280** **Otter Tail Power Company**
In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Update of Renewable Energy Credit Rates for Cogeneration and Small Power Production Rates.

Should the Commission approve Otter Tail Power's proposed Renewable Energy Credit (REC) optional standard offer rates for 2021-2022? (PUC: **Terwilliger**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Approved rates.

2. ** **E002/M-18-643;** **Xcel Energy**
E002/M-20-745
In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of Electric Vehicle Pilot Programs; In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of Electric Vehicle Programs as part of its COVID-19 Pandemic Economic Recovery Investments.

Should the Commission approve Xcel Energy's request to expand eligibility for its Fleet EV Service Pilot? (PUC: **Terwilliger**)

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[Revised Decision Options - Commissioner Tuma](#)

Modified program and adopted reporting requirements.

3. ** **G011/M-17-409** **Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation**
In the Matter of a Petition by the Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC) for Approval of Farm Tap Customer-Owned Fuel Line Replacement Plan, Tariff Amendments, and Deferred Accounting.
1. Should the Commission accept MERC's Phase I report and permit continued deferred accounting of the costs incurred through the evaluation and implementation of Phase II?
 2. Has MERC provided the information required in the Commission's November 30, 2017 Order?
 3. Should the Commission determine that the costs incurred in Phase I and Phase II of

- the farm tap project satisfy the definition of gas utility infrastructure costs, and therefore, are eligible for recovery in a future GUIC Rider filing?
4. Should the Commission authorize MERC to move forward with implementation of its revised Phase II farm tap replacement project and approve the proposed schedule for the implementation of Phase II? (PUC: **Bonnett, McShane**)

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[Decision Options - Commissioner Tuma](#)

Accepted report, found proposal reasonable, approved proposal with modifications, requested compliance filing.

4. * **E015/D-21-229 Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of Minnesota Power's 2021 Intangible, Transmission, Distribution, and General Plant Depreciation Petition.

Should the Commission accept Minnesota Power's combined study for all intangible, transmission, distribution and general plant assets and the resulting proposed average service lives, net salvage rates and depreciation rates? (PUC: **Hetherington, Worlobah**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Approved proposals and adopted reporting requirements.

5. **PULLED**
**** E,G002/D-19-723 Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of its 2020 Annual Review of Remaining Lives and Five-Year Depreciation Study.

Should the Commission approve:
 - A two-year passage of time adjustment for most of Xcel Energy's electric and natural gas production and gas storage facilities;
 - Modification to the remaining lives for the Wescott Gas Storage facility and the Luverne Wind2Battery System;
 - Initial remaining life and net salvage rates for Blazing Star II, Crowned Ridge, Freeborn, and Dakota Range wind projects;
 - Initial remaining life and net salvage rate for the Community Wind North and Jeffers Wind projects (Docket No. E002/M-18-777) and the Mower Wind project (Docket No. E002/M-19-553);
 - Reserve reallocations to certain Steam and Other Production accounts; and
 - Updates to the net salvage rates for electric and natural gas production and gas storage facilities based on the 5-year Dismantling Study. (PUC: **Hetherington, Worlobah**)

Pulled.

- 6. ** E,G002/M-21-329 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of a Proposal by Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy to Offer an Unregulated Energy, Infrastructure, and Sustainability Program for Business Customers.
1. Should the Commission grant Xcel Energy's request to withdraw its Notice?
 2. Should the Commission require a status report on Xcel Energy's stakeholder engagement?
 3. Should the Commission require Xcel Energy to submit a new filing by September 1, 2021? (PUC: **Bonnett**)

Attachments: [CEE Briefing Paper Comments 7-26-21](#)
 [Briefing Papers](#)

Accepted Xcel's request contingent on certain requirements.

ADJOURNMENT

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