

The Commission met on **Thursday, June 13, 2019** with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Lipschultz, Means, Schuerger, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

E-002/M-13-867

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company, dba Xcel Energy, for Approval of Its Proposed Community Solar Garden Program

E-002/M-18-714

In the Matter of Xcel Energy’s Tariff Revisions Updating Interconnection Standards for Distributed Generation Facilities Established under Minn. Stat. §216B.1611

E-002/M-13-1015

In the Matter of Xcel Energy’s Application for Approval of Solar*Rewards Tariffs

E-002/M-16-222

In the Matter of Xcel Energy’s Petition for Tariff Modifications Implementing Rules on Cogeneration and Small Power Production

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission deny reconsideration.

The motion passed 5 – 0.

P-999/CI-18-112

In the Matter of the Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) Program Update and Budget Recommendations

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission accept the TAP Fund 6-month review submitted on March 18, 2019, for the period July – December, 2018; and, accept the CAO-proposed outreach program plan update as described in Attachment A of the briefing papers, and the \$50,000 expenditure from the TAP Fund for CAO’s outreach expenses during the upcoming fiscal year.

The motion passed 5 – 0.

P-6049, 421/CI-18-542

In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into the 911 Obligations of West, Inc. and CenturyLink

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission accept the Agencies’ joint report and make the following findings:

- a. CenturyLink should engage in meetings with DPS and file six monthly reports that contain the following:
 - i. Minutes from the meetings between CenturyLink and the DPS that explain the fixes attempted and the results of those attempts;
 - ii. All improvements made to ensure any activity that causes 9-1-1 calls to fail are immediately noticed to CenturyLink and the DPS
 - iii. All improvements that ensure corrective action is taken as quickly as possible with any 9-1-1 failure.
 - iv. An explanation of the progress made over the previous month as a result of the meetings.
 - v. The circumstances of any failed 9-1-1 calls caused by the failure of CenturyLink's 9-1-1 network, or any failed 9-1-1 calls caused by failures outside of CenturyLink's 9-1-1 network of which CenturyLink is aware, during the preceding month and the reason for failure. This should include instances and durations where network failures prevented consumers from being able to dial 9-1-1. CenturyLink must engage in reasonable efforts to become aware of instances and circumstances of such failures.
- b. CenturyLink, and if CenturyLink or DPS desires, any CenturyLink vendor such as West Safety Services, should meet with DPS to establish procedures and protocols to ensure that proper information is provided to DPS, PSAPs, Metropolitan Emergency Services Board, and others as determined by DPS, following any network 9-1-1 incident. DPS will determine the number and frequency of such meetings.

The motion passed 5 – 0.

G-008/M-19-255

In the Matter of the Application of CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas, a Division of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., for Approval of its Gas Affordability Service Program Report

G-002/M-19-242

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation, for Approval of its 2018 Annual Gas Affordability Program Report

G-011/M-19-241

In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Approval of its Gas Affordability Program 2018 Annual Report

G-004/M-19-247

In the Matter of the Application of Great Plains Natural Gas Co. for Approval of its 2018 Gas Affordability Program Report

G-022/M-19-236

In the Matter of the Application of Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. for Approval of its Gas Affordability Program Annual Report for 2018


Chair Sieben moved that the Commission:

1. Accept the calendar-year 2018 GAP annual compliance reports for all dockets.
2. Accept the proposal to reduce GAP surcharge with modifications, requiring CenterPoint Energy (CPE) to reduce its GAP surcharge rate to \$0.0000/Dth, and that the effective date the month after the Commission order is issued.
3. Authorize CPE to begin treating the GAP surcharge as a rate that may be adjusted annually based on forecasted GAP expenditures and rate-case approved sales. GAP adjustments require Commission authorization prior to going into effect.

The motion passed 5 – 0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: November 6, 2019



Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary