



**Minnesota Public Utilities
Commission
Decisions**

121 7th Place East
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PUC Agenda Meeting

Thursday, May 3, 2018

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. **** P405/M-16-696 Frontier Communications of Minnesota, Inc.**
 In the Matter of Frontier Communications of Minnesota, Inc. Election of Small Company Alternative Form of Regulation Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 237.773, Subd. 2.

 Is a Commission determination or clarification necessary regarding the effective date of Frontier's small company AFOR election? (PUC: **Fournier**)

 No action taken.

2. *** G011/M-15-895 Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation**
 In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Evaluation and Approval of Rider Recovery for Its Rochester Natural Gas Extension Project.

 Should the Commission approve MERC's Cost Mitigation Compliance Filing for the Rochester Natural Gas Extension Project?
 1. Does MERC's Cost Mitigation Compliance Filing adequately address capacity release into other markets on a short and long term basis?
 2. Has MERC adequately addressed rate design alternatives in its general rate case (17-563) to ensure interruptible customers are paying for services received?
 3. Has MERC adequately evaluated opportunities to use excess Rochester capacity in other NNG PGA market areas, instead of purchasing additional capacity at a higher price? (PUC: **Brill**)
 Approved filing and set further requirements.

3. **** E002/M-14-761 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**
 In the Matter of Northern States Power Company's Petition for Approval

of the 2016-2018 Triennial Nuclear Decommissioning Accrual.

1. Should the Commission approve Xcel Energy's annual compliance filing?
2. As a result of Xcel Energy's third-party evaluation, should the Commission order any changes to the Nuclear Decommissioning Trust's investment strategy? (PUC: **Alonso**)

Filing accepted; more reporting required.

4. * **IP6985/WS-17-700 Blazing Star Wind Farm 2, LLC**
In the Matter of the Application of Blazing Star Wind Farm 2, LLC for the 200 MW Blazing Star 2 Wind Project in Lincoln County, Minnesota.

Should the Commission issue a draft site permit for the project?
Should the Commission refer the matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for a contested case hearing? (PUC: **DeBleeckere**)

Requested record development from OAH and issued draft site permit.

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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