



The Commission met on **Thursday, April 17, 2025**, with Acting Chair Sullivan and Commissioners Ham, Partridge, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

G-999/CI-21-135

In the Matter of a Commission Investigation into the Impact of Severe Weather in February 2021 on Impacted Minnesota Natural Gas Utilities and Customers;

G-008/M-21-138

In the Matter of the Petition of CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas for Approval of a Recovery Process for Cost Impacts Due to February Extreme Gas Market Conditions;

G-004/M-21-235

In the Matter of the Petition by Great Plains Natural Gas Co. for Approval of Rule Variances to Recover Natural Gas Costs from February 2021;

G-002/CI-21-610

In the Matter of the Petition of Xcel Energy to Recover February 2021 Natural Gas Costs;

G-011/CI-21-611

In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources Corp. for Approval of a Recovery Process for Cost Impacts Due to February Extreme Gas Market Conditions

Commissioner Partridge moved that the Commission:

1. Approve CenterPoint's 2024 Annual Compliance Filing.
2. Approve Great Plains' 2024 Annual Compliance Filing.
3. Approve Xcel Energy's 2024 Annual Compliance Filing.
4. Approve MERC's 2024 Annual Compliance Filing.
5. Make no changes to CenterPoint, MERC, and Xcel Energy's future compliance filing reporting requirements.
6. Require Great Plains to summarize the consultant's report on voluntary conservation in the August 2025 compliance filing.

7. Require that in future August compliance filings, the Gas Utilities report on how they are improving incorporation of curtailment calls into their gas supply planning processes for both reliability and economic purposes.
8. Require that in future August compliance filings, the Gas Utilities report on how they are improving interruptible customer compliance with curtailment orders.
9. Require that in future August compliance filings, the Gas Utilities continue the reporting obligations outlined in Order Points #3, 5-11 and 14-15 of the Commission's February 17, 2023 Order.
10. Modify ordering paragraph 3 of the February 17, 2023 Order to read as follows:

The utility shall notify the Commission of a pricing event within 3 days of the first day gas prices spike to five times the PGA cost. The notification shall be filed in edockets and include the date of the initial price spike and the impacted hubs.

In addition, if a gas utility in this docket pays prices on the daily spot market that exceed five times the average price of gas in the utility's filed purchased-gas adjustment for the current month when the gas was purchased, the utility shall make a filing to the Commission within 14 days following the last day of the price event identifying:

- A. Its costs for procuring gas for Minnesota customers while gas prices were inflated above this amount,
- B. What actions the utility took to account for or mitigate those costs, and
- C. Justifications for why its actions were prudent.

The motion passed 4-0.

IP-7093/PPL-22-422

In the Matter of the Application of Summit Carbon Solutions, LLC, for a Routing Permit for the Otter Tail to Wilkin Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Project in Otter Tail and Wilkin Counties, Minnesota

Acting Chair Sullivan moved that the Commission deny the petition for reconsideration.

The motion passed 4-0.

E-017/M-24-404

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Co.'s Petition for Approval of the Solway and Abercrombie Solar Projects; In the Matter of the Petition of Otter Tail Power Co. for Exemption from Certificate of Need for the 50 MW Solway Solar Project in Beltrami County, Minnesota

This item was pulled from the agenda.

E-002/C-25-76

In the Matter of a Formal Complaint and Petition for Relief by SunShare LLC Against Northern States Power Co. d/b/a Xcel Energy Regarding Settlement Agreements

Acting Chair Sullivan moved that the Commission do the following:

1. Deny Xcel Energy's motion to allow for Xcel Energy to file supplemental comments and to give Xcel Energy 28 days following the Commission's decision.
2. Deny Xcel Energy's motion to strike from the record the reply comments of SunShare LLC (SunShare).
3. Find the Commission has jurisdiction over the issues raised in the complaint filed by SunShare.
4. Find that there are not reasonable grounds to proceed with an investigation of the complaint pursuant to Minn. Rules 7829.1900 and dismiss the complaint.

The motion passed 4–0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: August 13, 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Bull". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Bull, Acting Executive Secretary