

The Commission met on **Thursday, July 23, 2015**, with Acting Chair Wergin, and Commissioners Lange, Lipschultz, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

P-999/M-15-20

In the Matter of the 2014 Lifeline Re-Certification Results

Commissioner Lipschultz moved to take the following actions:

1. Accept the Department's analysis regarding the ETCs' 2014 Lifeline re-certification surveys:
 - A. Find that all ETCs have complied with the requirement to submit their re-certification results to the Commission, and the re-certifications results comply with required re-certification procedures;
 - B. To minimize de-enrollments, encourage use of the DHS database to validate eligible subscribers and reduce the number of Lifeline subscribers needing direct contact; and
 - C. Order all ETCs to file FCC Form 555 Lifeline survey results by January 31, 2016 of each year. Since January 31 falls on a weekend in 2016, it should be filed by the following business day.
2. Require ETCs with 1,000 more Lifeline subscribers to use the Department of Human Services or similar database combined with direct contact follow up, or show why they cannot do so.

The motion passed 4-0.

ENERGY AGENDA

E-111/M-15-499

In the Matter of Dakota Electric Association's Request for a Variance to Commission Rules Regarding Billing Errors

Commissioner Tuma moved to approve Dakota Electric's request for a variance to Minn. R. 7820.3800 and a one-time modification to its Billing Error Tariff requirements.

The motion passed 4-0.

E-002/AO-14-759

In the Matter of the Request for Approval of New Administrative Services Agreements Between Northern States Power Company and Xcel Energy Transmission Development Company, LLC and Xcel Energy Southwest Transmission Company, LLC

Commissioner Lange move to take the following actions:

1. Approve the Affiliate Interest Agreements contained in Xcel's filing, with a finding that they are reasonable and consistent with the public interest;
2. Adopt the Department's recommendations and:
 - A. Approve the ASAs with ongoing reporting requirements, fully allocated cost and revenue credits for ASAs in future Xcel rate cases; and
 - B. Require Commission authorization prior to allowing Xcel's Transco XETD to build new transmission in Minnesota rather than NSP-MN or another rate-regulated utility in Minnesota.
3. Determine, for regulatory purposes, that the ASAs are effective August 28, 2014, the date they were executed.
4. Adopt Xcel's proposal to submit compliance filing (a) thirty (30) days after the Commission issues an order in this Docket for the 2014 data, and (b) by May 31, 2016, for the 2015 data, that will identify the amount of fully allocated costs incurred by Transco from Northern States Power=Minnesota (NSP-M) and for purposes of examining allocations to NSP-M, the fully allocated costs by Transcos from Xcel Energy Services, Inc. in 2014 and 2015.work orders in 2014 and 2015.
5. . Accept Xcel's proposal to provide ongoing reporting of charges to the Transcos under the ASAs in the annual affiliated interest report submitted each April 1 pursuant to Minn. R. 7825.2200.

The motion passed 4-0.

E, G-999/CI-13-626

In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into Decommissioning Policies Related to Depreciation

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: August 12, 2015

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Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary