



**Minnesota Public Utilities
Commission
Decisions
PUC Agenda Meeting**

121 7th Place East
Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS

DELIBERATION ITEMS

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **E111/GR-14-482** **Dakota Electric Association**
In the Matter of the Application of Dakota Electric Association for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in Minnesota. (PUC: Morrissey, Krishnan, Bahn; DOC: tbd) Note: Staff agrees with the recommendation of the Department of Commerce to approve DEA's Compliance Filing pursuant to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) June 8, 2015 Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order.

Compliance filing approved.

2. * **G011/D-15-534** **Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC)**
In the Matter of the Petition of MERC for its Annual Review of Depreciation Rates for 2015.

Should the Commission require MERC to complete a full depreciation study of all accounts by June 1, 2016 to coincide with the timing of its rate case or, should the Commission maintain the current five-year schedule and require a full depreciation study to be completed June 1, 2017?
Should the Commission approve the Department's recommendation (as agreed to by MERC) and approve MERC's proposed service lives, salvage rates, and resulting depreciation rates effective January 1, 2015 including MERC's proposal for an average service life of eight years, an Iowa L3 curve, to use the General Plant composite depreciation rate of 4.47 percent for new investments in Trailers, Account 392, and a negative 25 percent salvage rate for Transportation Equipment, Account 392.2? (PUC: **Schwieger**)

Service lives/salvage rates/depreciation rates approved with

instructions; schedule for compliance filing/next depreciation filing set.

3. ** E002/M-13-867 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy

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

Should the Commission grant the petition for reconsideration filed by Sunrise Energy Ventures, LLC or the request for clarification filed by the Minnesota Department of Commerce of the Commission's August 6, 2015 Order in this matter?

Should the Commission grant a stay or partial stay of its August 6, 2015 Order in this matter? (PUC: **Mackenzie, Bahn, Gonzalez**)

The Commission has the authority to accept or decline a petition for reconsideration **with or without** a hearing or oral argument. (Minnesota Rules 7829.3000, Subpart 6) In other words, a decision on a petition for reconsideration can be made without taking oral comments at the Commission meeting.

Petitions for reconsideration and clarification denied; clarified that August 6 order does not allow solar-garden applicants to transfer their queue position to another developer for that portion of the project that exceeds the caps set by the Commission.

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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