

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Minnesota Power's 2015  
Renewable Resources Rider and Renewable  
Factor

ISSUE DATE: February 14, 2017

DOCKET NO. E-015/M-14-962

ORDER DENYING MINNESOTA  
POWER'S PETITION FOR  
RECONSIDERATION AND GRANTING  
RECONSIDERATION FOR FURTHER  
PROCEEDINGS

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On November 30, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Determining Treatment of North Dakota Investment Tax Credits for Bison Wind Projects.

On December 20, 2016, Minnesota Power filed a Petition for Reconsideration.

On December 30, 2016, the Department filed a letter response, urging the Commission to deny the petition.

On February 9, 2017, the Commission met to consider the matter.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Based on its review, the Commission will deny the petition for reconsideration because it finds that the petition does not raise new issues nor point to new and relevant evidence. The Commission will, however, on its own motion, grant reconsideration for the purpose of considering the merits of the November 30, 2016 order and whether any changes should be made to the order.

To assist the Commission in that task, the Commission will delegate to the Executive Secretary the authority to issue a notice in this docket requesting additional briefing and comment on the issues identified by the Commission at the Commission meeting, and on such additional issues as may be identified by Commission staff, and setting appropriate timelines.

## ORDER

1. The Commission denies Minnesota Power's petition for reconsideration.
2. The Commission grants reconsideration on its own motion for purposes of considering the merits of its November 30, 2016 order for purposes of determining whether any changes should be made to the order.
3. The Commission delegates to the Executive Secretary the task of issuing a notice requesting additional briefing and comment on the issues raised by the Commission at the Commission meeting, and on such additional issues as may be identified by Commission staff, and setting appropriate timelines.
4. This order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Daniel P. Wolf  
Executive Secretary



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