



The Commission met on **Thursday, June 5, 2025**, with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Ham, Partridge, Sullivan, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

**P-6883/RV-24-408**

**In the Matter of the Petition of the Minnesota Department of Commerce for Revocation of the Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Status of Q Link Wireless, LLC pursuant to Minn. R. 7812.1400, subp. 15**

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

1. Revoke Q Link's ETC designation in Minnesota pursuant to Minn. R. 7812.1400, subp. 15.
2. Require the Department to make a compliance filing providing a determination whether restitution dollars are available to Minnesota customers out of the federal prosecution and whether the FCC or the federal prosecutors have provided notice to Minnesota customers on how to seek restitution. If the Department determines that Minnesota customers haven't been sufficiently informed about restitution and there is a significant pool of restitution dollars still available through the federal prosecution, the Department shall file a plan to assist in notifying Minnesota customers of the possible restitution or provide a description why such notices would not be of any significant benefit to Minnesota customers.

The motion passed 5–0.

**IP-7114/GS-23-414;**

**IP-7114/TL-23-415**

**In the Matter of the Application of Iron Pine Solar Power, LLC for a Site Permit for the Iron Pine Solar Project in Pine County, Minnesota;**

**In the Matter of the Application of Iron Pine Solar Power, LLC for a Route Permit for a 230 kV Transmission Line in Pine County, Minnesota**

This matter was pulled from the agenda.

**E-017/M-24-404**

**In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Petition for Approval of the Solway and Abercrombie Solar Projects**

Commissioner Sullivan moved that the Commission:

1. Approve Otter Tail Power's investments in the Abercrombie and Solway Solar Projects as eligible for renewable energy rider recovery.
2. Determine that the Abercrombie and Solway Solar Projects qualify toward Otter Tail Power's Eligible Energy Technology Standard and Carbon-Free Standard obligations.
3. Determine that the Solway Solar Project is exempt from the certificate of need requirement of Minn. Stat. § 216B.243.
4. Authorize future cost recovery of the Abercrombie and Solway Solar Projects in accordance with the allocation methodology described in Otter Tail Power's May 23, 2025, supplemental information filing, through the Renewable Resources Cost Recovery Rider under Minn. Stat. § 216B.1645, subd. 2a, subject to Commission review and approval of specific costs to be presented in a future petition.
5. In its future Renewable Resources Cost Recovery Rider recovery filings and rate cases, Otter Tail Power must:
  - A. Report on the extent to which the Abercrombie and Solway Solar Projects result in the estimated 6.4% savings comparing revenue requirements with projected energy market value, with and without capacity credit.
  - B. Reflect the allocation of costs and credits among all jurisdictions, including but not limited to reconciliation of Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) settlements. Otter Tail Power must describe with particularity the basis for the reconciliation, including any reduced peaking plant revenues that are charged to Minnesota customers as described in Otter Tail Power's December 9 petition.
6. Within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this order, Otter Tail Power must file a compliance report containing the following information:
  - A. A copy of Otter Tail Power's MISO asset owner registration sample.
  - B. A copy of Otter Tail Power's MISO asset owner-based accounting data.
  - C. An Excel spreadsheet detailing Otter Tail Power's MISO asset owner-based accounting data, with all formulas and functions fully intact and operational.

The motion passed 5–0.

Commissioner Partridge moved that the Commission:

7. Limit cost recovery to an aggregate capital cost cap for the Abercrombie and Solway Solar Projects, with the capital cost recovered being set at the costs bid by Otter Tail Power for the Abercrombie and Solway Solar Projects combined, provided however that Otter Tail Power may request Commission approval to exceed the aggregate cost cap for necessary and prudently incurred costs outside of Otter Tail Power's control.

The motion passed 4–1, with Commissioner Sullivan opposed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: July 16, 2025**

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**Mike Bull, Acting Executive Secretary**