

The Commission met on **September 28, 2017**, with Chair Lange and Commissioners Lipschultz, Schuerger, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

**IP-6908/WS-13-294**

**In the Matter of the Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit Issued to Lake Benton Power Partners, LLC for a Wind Project in Lincoln County**

Commissioner Schuerger moved to take the following actions:

1. Extend the expiration date to November 1, 2039;
2. Adopt the staff proposed updated site permit;
3. Authorize Commission staff to make further site permit modifications as necessary to ensure consistency with the record and recently issued permits; and
4. Authorize staff to issue a notification of the permit extension to all affected landowners.

The motion passed 4–0.

**E-015/M-16-776**

**In the Matter of Minnesota Power’s 2017 Renewable Resources Rider Rate Factors**

Commissioner Tuma moved to take the following actions:

1. Approve Minnesota Power’s (MP’s) proposed annual revenue requirements, true-up tracker balance, and resulting 2017 Renewable Resource Rider (RRR) rate factors;
2. Approve MP’s request to include the Bison 4 V-Mode Software subpart costs in the Renewable Resources Rider;
3. Require MP to return any amortized federal investment tax credits associated with Thomson Hydro to ratepayers through future RRR filings until they can be included in base rates in a subsequent rate case;
4. Require MP to incorporate the effects, if any, of the Commission’s final decision in Docket No. E-015/M-14-962 regarding the treatment of North Dakota investment tax credits in a compliance filing in the instant docket (16-776);

5. Refer the decision on trueing up production tax credits in future RRR filings to MP's 2016 rate case, Docket No. E-015/GR-16-664; and
6. Require MP to make a compliance filing at the conclusion of its 2016 rate case describing the final resolution of the true-up for RRR projects moved into base rates and the cash collections thereon.

The motion passed 4–0.

**E-015/M-14-962**

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

Commissioner Schuerger moved to modify the initial decision in the November 30, 2016 order and allow Minnesota Power to reflect in the Company's revenue requirements only those ND ITCs that MP would realize (use) on a separate-return basis.

The motion passed 3–1. Commissioner Tuma voted against the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: December 26, 2017**



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Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary