



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

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

Thursday, June 12, 2014

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS

DELIBERATION ITEMS

DECISION ITEMS

ITEM 1 WILL NOT BE HEARD BEFORE 1:00 PM

1. * **P999/PR-14-5;** **Department of Commerce/TAM**
 * **P999/M-14-151;** **(Telecommunications Access**
 Minnesota)
 * **P999/M-13-138**
 In the Matter of TAM's 2013 Annual Report;
 In the Matter of TAM's FY 2015 Proposed Budget and Surcharge
 Recommendation;
 In the Matter of TAM's Audit Plan.

 1. Should the Commission accept TAM's 2013 Annual Report?
 2. Should the Commission approve TAM's proposed budget for FY
 2015?
 3. Should the Commission approve the proposed increase of the
 TAM surcharge from \$0.06 to \$0.08?
 4. What action should the Commission take regarding TAM's
 proposed Audit Plan? (PUC: **Brion**)

 Attachments: [PUC Briefing Papers](#)

 Report, budget accepted; \$0.08 mo. Surcharge set. Department to file
 proposals to audit TAM FY 2014.

2. **G011/M-14-361** **Minnesota Energy Resources**
 Corporation (MERC)
 In the Matter of a Request for Approval of Proposed Winter
 Construction Charges. (PUC: Bender; DOC: Zajicek)

 Attachments: [DOC Comments 5-5-14](#)

Approved effective June 30, 2014

3. * **E,G002/D-12-858** **Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of the Five-Year Transmission, Distribution, and General Depreciation Study. (PUC: Dasinger; DOC: Addonizio)
Attachments: [DOC Supplemental Comments 1-31-14](#)
 [DOC Supplemental Reply Comments 2-26-14](#)
- Approved; comprehensive TD&G study required.
4. * **E,G002/D-14-181** **Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of the 2014 Review of Remaining Lives. (PUC: Dasinger; DOC Addonizio, St. Pierre)
Attachments: [DOC Comments 4-30-14](#)
- Approved, including amortization for Sherco 3 deprec. expense; requirements for future filings set.
5. ** **E999/CI-13-720** **All Regulated Utilities**
In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into Ownership of Renewable Energy Credits used to Meet Minnesota Requirements.
- Should the Commission issue a decision on the ownership of Renewable Energy Credits(RECS)? (PUC: **Rebholz, Gonzalez, Twite**)
- Attachments:** [PUC Briefing Papers](#)
 [PUC Revised Decision Options 6-11-14](#)
- Jurisdiction found. Generators own RECs unless otherwise specified

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE HEARD BEFORE 11:00 AM

6. * **E,G999/CI-14-423** **Propane Storage Developers**
In the Matter of a Commission Investigation Regarding the Appropriate Regulatory Response to Propane Storage Projects.
- Should the Commission vary Minnesota Rules, part 7853.0010, subp. 23 to change the definition of “synthetic gas”?
Should the Commission vary any other part of Minnesota Rules 7853 to provide for an efficient and appropriate regulatory review process? (PUC: **Ham, Panait**)
- Attachments:** [PUC Briefing Papers](#)
 [PUC Supplemental Briefing Papers Attachment A](#)

Established process to request one-yr variance of Minn. R. 7853.0010, subp. 23.

7. ** **PL6668/CN-13-473; North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC
 PL6668/PPL-13-474**

In the Matter of the Application of North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC for a Certificate of Need for the Sandpiper Pipeline Project in Minnesota;

In the Matter of the Application of North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC for a Pipeline Routing Permit for the Sandpiper Pipeline Project in Minnesota.

Should the Commission separate the certificate of need and pipeline route permitting proceedings in this matter? What action should the Commission take concerning comment period timelines and additional public information meetings? (PUC: **Ek**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)
 [Revised Decision Alternatives](#)
 [Second Revised Decision Alternatives](#)

Denied Requests for additional public information meetings, extend comment period or bifurcate proceedings.

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)

Please note: For the complete record, please see eDockets