



**Minnesota Public Utilities
Commission
Decisions**

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PUC Agenda Meeting

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **E015/M-11-409 Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Fifth Annual Report for its Pilot Rider for Customer Affordability of Residential Electricity (CARE) Program.
1. Should the Commission accept Minnesota Power's fifth annual CARE report?
 2. Should the Commission approve removal of the requirement for CARE customers to participate in a budget plan and the requirement for CARE customers to complete a Your Home Energy Report in order to participate in the Program? (PUC: Schwieger; DOC: Peirce)

Report accepted; modifications approved. Utility to work with CAO, nonprofits to improve CARE/LIHEAP.

2. * **E002/M-17-629 Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of Northern States Power Company's Petition for Approval of a customer bill payment assistance program exclusively for low-income customers with chronic or severe medical conditions (PUC: Bonnett; DOC: Collins)

Program changes approved. Application form, tariff language modified.

3. * **E111/D-17-505 Dakota Electric Association**
In the Matter of Dakota Electric Association's Petition for its Certification of Depreciation Rates and Methods.

Should the Commission approve Dakota Electric's five year depreciation study including the proposed depreciation parameters and the resulting depreciation rates? (PUC: Schwieger; DOC: Lusti)

Approved.

4. * **G004/D-17-450** **Great Plains Natural Gas Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.**
In the Matter of Great Plains Natural Gas Company's Five Year Depreciation Study.
1. Should the Commission approve the depreciation parameters and depreciation rates proposed by the Company in its 2017 Depreciation Study?
 2. Should the Commission require Great Plains to file its next depreciation study by June 1, 2018? (PUC: Schwieger; DOC: Lusti)

Approved; next study due June 1, 2018.

5. * **E002/M-17-445** **Northern States Power Company d/b/a
Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for a Renewal of Variances to the Fuel Clause Adjustment (FCA) Rules.
1. Should the Commission approve Xcel's variance request?
 2. Should the Commission require Xcel to make a compliance filing incorporating the impact of decisions made in the Docket E-999/CI-03-802? (PUC: **Alonso**)

Variances approved, subject to Commission adoption of new FCA mechanism. Filings required.

6. ** **G011/GR-17-563** **Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation**
In the Matter of the Application by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC) for Authority to Increase Rates for Natural Gas Service in Minnesota.

Should this filing be accepted? If so, should the proposed rates be suspended, this matter referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings, and interim rates set as requested by the Company? (PUC: **Bender, Brill, Kaml, Krishnan, Schwieger**)

Filing accepted as of 10/13/17. Variance granted. Decision due 11/13/2018.

7. ** **G011/MR-17-564** **Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation**
In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC) for Approval to Establish a New Base Cost of Gas for Interim Rates in MERC's General Rate Case, in Docket No. G011/GR-17-563.

Should the Commission approve MERC's proposed interim period base cost of gas? (PUC: **Brill, Bender**)

Approved. MERC to work w/ staff, DOC. Filings required.

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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