

The Commission met on **Thursday, April 24, 2025**, with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Ham and Partridge present.

The following matter was taken up by the Commission:

E-015/M-24-344

In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Power for Approval of Investments and Expenditures in the Boswell Solar Project for Recovery through Minnesota Power's Renewable Resources Rider under Minn. Stat. § 216B.1645

Commissioner Partridge moved that the Commission:

1. Find the Petition complete under Minn. Stat. § 216B.1645 and Minn. R. 7829.1300.
2. Approve Minnesota Power's investment in the Boswell Solar Project.
3. Determine that the Boswell Solar Project is exempt from the CN requirements under the Bidding Exemption.
4. Limit cost recovery to the capital costs in Minnesota Power's Boswell Solar Project bid.
5. Authorize Minnesota Power to request approval to exceed the cost-cap if it can show that any costs incurred above the cap are the result of a government action that causes meaningful disruption to solar panel supplies and market prices.
6. Approve recovery of Boswell Interconnector costs. Referencing Table 2 in Minnesota Power's November 2024 petition, specifically approve recovery of item 2 (Solar Transmission Interconnection) and item 4 (Boswell Surplus Interconnection). In any subsequent rider filing, require Minnesota Power to true up the amount of item 4 based on the current allocation of renewables vs. nonrenewables using the Boswell Interconnector. The true-up shall continue until the next rate case filing or the project is in service.
7. Determine that the Boswell Solar Project qualifies for application toward Minnesota Power's RES obligation.
8. Determine that the Boswell Solar Project qualifies for application toward Minnesota Power's CFS obligation.
9. Subject to review and approval in a future petition, authorize Minnesota Power to recover Boswell Solar Project costs through the Renewable Resource Rider.

10. Approve Minnesota Power's proposal to sell PTCs.
11. Require Minnesota Power to track the actual cost and benefits of selling PTCs in its annual renewable energy rider filings.

The motion passed 3–0.

E-015/M-24-343

In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Power for Approval of Investments and Expenditures in the Regal Solar Project for Recovery through Minnesota Power's Renewable Resources Rider under Minn. Stat. § 216B.1645

Commissioner Ham moved that the Commission:

1. Find the Petition complete under Minn. Stat. § 216B.1645 and Minn. R. 7829.1300.
2. Approve Minnesota Power's investment in the Regal Solar Project.
3. Determine that the Regal Solar Project is exempt from the CN requirements under the Bidding Exemption.
4. Limit cost recovery to the capital costs in Minnesota Power Regal Solar Project bid.
5. Authorize Minnesota Power to request approval to exceed the cost-cap if it can show that any costs incurred above the cap are the result of a government action that causes meaningful disruption to solar panel supplies and market prices.
6. Determine that the Regal Solar Project qualifies for application toward Minnesota Power's RES obligation.
7. Determine that the Regal Solar Project qualifies for application toward Minnesota Power's CFS obligation.
8. Authorize Minnesota Power to recover Regal Solar Project costs through the Renewable Resource Rider, subject to review and approval in a future petition.
9. Approve Minnesota Power's proposal to sell PTCs.

10. Require Minnesota Power to track the actual cost and benefits of selling PTCs in its annual renewable energy rider filings.

The motion passed 3–0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: May 21, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Seuffert", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary