



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

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

Thursday, March 31, 2016

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS

DELIBERATION ITEMS

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **G022/M-15-1090** **Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.**
In the Matter of Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s Proposal for Revised Reporting Metric Regarding Service Extensions for Annual Service Quality Reporting. (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Medhaug) NOTE: Staff agrees with the recommendations of the Department of Commerce.

Approved revised service-extension reporting metrics with modifications.

2. **E111/M-16-42** **Dakota Electric Association**
In the Matter of Dakota Electric Association's 2016 Annual Resource and Tax Adjustment (RTA) filing.

Should the Commission approve Dakota Electric Association's proposed 2016 RTA rates? (PUC: **Morrissey**)

Approved annual adjustment to Resource and Tax Adjustment Rider.

3. * **E002/GR-12-961** **Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in Minnesota.

Should the Commission accept Northern States Power Company's annual compliance report on its new Electric Service Agreements (ESAs) with Advanced Extrusion, Inc., LeafLine Labs LLC, New Plastics Plus, Inc., and Grede, LLC under Xcel's Business Incentive and Sustainability (BIS) Rider?
Should the Commission require Xcel to file additional information with

future Business Incentive and Sustainability Rider compliance filings?
(PUC: **Krishnan**)

Accepted annual compliance report on new contracts under Business Incentive and Sustainability rider; set new reporting requirements.

4. * **E002/M-15-920** **Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of a Petition by Northern States Power Company, Doing Business as Xcel Energy (Xcel or the Company), for Approval of a Light Emitting Diode (LED) Street Lighting Rate.

Whether the Commission should approve Xcel's request for a Light Emitting Diode (LED) Street Lighting Rate? (PUC: **Bahn**)

Approved Light Emitting Diode Street Lighting rate.

5. ** **E002/RP-15-21** **Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2016-2030 Integrated Resource Plan.

Should the Commission determine that it is necessary pursuant to Minn. Stat. §216B.62, subd. 8 to request the Department of Commerce to seek authority from the Office of Management and Budget to retain specialized technical expertise to investigate the causes for increases in Xcel's Prairie Island capital costs? (PUC: **Stalpes, Rebholz**)

Asked the Department of Commerce to seek authority from the Office of Management and Budget to retain specialized technical expertise to assist the Department in analyzing issues pertaining to the Prairie Island nuclear plant.

6. ** **IP6943/GS-15-33** **North Star Solar PV LLC**

In the Matter of the Combined Application of North Star Solar PV LLC for a Site Permit and Route Permit for the North Star Solar Electric Power Generating Plant and Associated 115 kV High-Voltage Transmission Line in Chisago County, Minnesota.

- Should the Commission reconsider its February 16, 2016 Order Granting Site and Route Permits with Conditions? (PUC: **Ek**)

The Commission has the authority to accept or decline a petition for reconsideration **with or without** a hearing or oral argument. (Minnesota Rules 7829.3000, Subpart 6) In other words, a decision on a petition for reconsideration can be made without taking oral comments at the Commission meeting.

Denied reconsideration and amended solar site permit.

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**** IP6941/GS-14-1052 Marshall Solar, LLC**

In the Matter of the Application of Marshall Solar, LLC for a Site Permit for the Marshall Solar Energy Project and Associated Facilities in Lyon County.

Should the Commission adopt the administrative law judge's Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law, and Recommendation? Should the Commission find that the environmental assessment and the record created at the public hearing adequately addresses the issues identified in the scoping decision? Should the Commission issue a site permit for the 62.25 megawatt solar generating facilities in Lyon County? (PUC: **DeBleekere**)

Issued solar site permit with conditions.**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