



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

Thursday, June 17, 2021

9:15 AM

Online via Webex

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. **** PL9/CN-14-916 Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership**

In the Matter of the Motion for Clarification of Prior Order Dated January 23, 2019 Approving Compliance Filings as Modified and Denying Motion in the Line 3 Replacement Project Certificate of Need Docket.

What action should the Commission take on the Motion for Clarification of Prior Order Dated January 23, 2019 Approving Compliance Filings as Modified and Denying Motion? (PUC: **Ek**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)
[Decision Option-Chair Sieben](#)

Denied motion, required additional letter to landowners.

2. *** IP7013/WS-19-619; Big Bend Wind, LLC;
IP7013/TL-19-621;
IP7014/GS-19-620 Red Rock Solar, LLC**

In the Matter of the Application of Big Bend Wind, LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 308 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System and a Route Permit for the 161 kV Transmission Line in Cottonwood, Martin, and Watonwan Counties, Minnesota;
In the Matter of the Application of Red Rock Solar, LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 60 MW Red Rock Solar Project in Cottonwood County, Minnesota.

1. Should the Commission issue a preliminary draft site permit for the Big Bend Wind Project?
2. What action should the Commission take regarding site or system alternatives for the wind farm to be evaluated in the environmental assessment?
3. What action should the Commission take regarding route alternatives for the HVTL transmission line to be evaluated in the environmental assessment? (PUC: **Panait, Bruce**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)
[Preliminary Draft Site Permit](#)
[Decision Option Amendment-Commissioner Tuma](#)
[Revised Decision Options-Commissioner Sullivan](#)

Proposed additional route alternative; issued draft site permit; authorized staff to modify draft site permit.

3. * **E999/M-17-123 All Electric**
 In the Matter of the Department of Commerce Workgroup on Wind and Solar Facilities.

How should the Commission proceed in the matter of decommissioning plans? (PUC: **Bruce**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)
[Decision Option-Chair Sieben](#)
[Clarified Decision Options](#)

Requested that DOC EERA develop guidance materials, submit status reports, letters, and memorandum to the Commission, and initiate all decommission plan reviews.

The following items will not be heard before 10:30 AM

4. * **E134,210/C-20-770 Red River Valley Cooperative Power Association (“RRV”);
 City of Barnesville;
 Barnesville Municipal Power (“City”)**
 In the Matter of the Complaint by Red River Valley Cooperative Power Association Arising from an Assigned Service Area Violation by the City of Barnesville and Barnesville Municipal Power.

Should the Commission Approve the Parties’ settlement agreement and Mutual Release? (PUC: **Fournier**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)
[Revised Decision Option-Chair Sieben](#)

Settlement approved.

5. ** **P999/CI-20-747 All Minnesota High Cost ETCs**
 In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into the Advertising, Outreach, and Offering of Lifeline by High Cost ETCs.

Should the Commission recommend appropriate advertising and outreach of Lifeline by High Cost ETCs? (PUC: **McShane**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)
 [Revised Staff Decision Options](#)

Established best practices and filing requirement.

6. ** E002/C-21-160 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy
In the Matter of a Formal Complaint and Petition for Expedited Relief by Sunrise Energy Ventures LLC Against Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy.

1. Does the Commission have jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Complaint?
2. Is there a reasonable basis or is it in the public interest to investigation the Complaint?
3. If the Commission decides to investigate the Complaint, what procedures should be followed? (PUC: **Rosier, Mackenzie**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)
 [Briefing Papers - Addendum](#)

Complaint dismissed.

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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