

The Commission met on **Monday, November 24, 2014**, with Chair Heydinger, and Commissioners Boyd, Lange, Lipschultz, and Wergin present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

P-5979/RV-14-784

In the Matter of the Revocation of Pac-West Telecomm, Inc.'s Certificate of Authority

Commissioner Wergin moved to revoke Pac-West Telecomm. Inc.'s Certificate of Authority.

The motion passed 5-0.

P-3113/RV-14-785

In the Matter of the Revocation of Telecare, Inc.'s Certificate of Authority

Commissioner Wergin moved to revoke Telecare, Inc.'s Certificate of Authority.

The motion passed 5-0.

P6638/RV-14-786

In the Matter of the Revocation of STi Prepaid, LLC's Certificate of Authority

Commissioner Wergin moved to revoke STi Prepaid, LLC's Certificate of Authority.

The motion passed 5-0.

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~~P5643,551/IC-14-778~~

~~In the Matter of the Joint Application for Approval of an Interim Interconnection Agreement for the State of Minnesota by and between CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and Integra Telecom of Minnesota, Inc;~~

~~P5643,430/IC-14-779~~

~~In the Matter of the Joint Application for Approval of an Interim Interconnection Agreement for the State of Minnesota by and between Embarq Minnesota, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and Integra Telecom of Minnesota, Inc.~~

~~P5096,551/IC-14-794~~

~~In the Matter of the Joint Application for Approval of an Interim Interconnection Agreement for the State of Minnesota by and between Embarq Minnesota, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and CenturyLink Communications, LLC~~

P-421/AM-14-775

In the Matter of a Joint Petition by Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and Dex Media East, Inc., pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 237.081, subd. 1, for a variance to Minn. R. 7810.2900 and 7812.0600 requiring distribution of a printed residential white pages directory to all customers served in Minnesota

Commissioner Lange moved that the Commission:

1. Approve with conditions a variance for Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 237.081, subd. 1, for a variance to Minn. R. 7810.2900 and 7812.0600 requiring distribution of a printed residential white pages directory to customers of CenturyLink QC and competitive providers in CenturyLink QC's Minneapolis/St. Paul service area for a period of time lasting until whichever occurs first: a) the passage of two years from the date of the Commission's order; or b) the time of completion of the rulemaking in Docket No. P-999/R-13-459.
2. Require the conditions proposed by the Department as modified in the Petitioner's Reply Comments.
3. Grant a variance to Minn. R. 7811.0600, subps. 1 (F) and (G) and to Minn. R. 7812.0600, subps. 1 (F) and (G) for all certified local service providers in CenturyLink QC's Minneapolis/St. Paul service area in this proceeding who submit a written certification in this docket that it will comply with the following conditions:
 - a. make electronic white page residential directories available by a link on its website, if the CLEC has a website; and
 - b. notify affected customers that residential white pages are not included in the business and government telephone directories for those areas, and that customers may request the residential white pages. The notice shall provide a toll free number, which customers may call to request residential white pages directories, and shall direct customers to a website where the residential white pages may be accessed.

The motion passed 5-0.

ENERGY AGENDA

IP-6846/WS-10-798 Trishe Wind Minnesota, LLC

In the Matter of the Application of Lake County Wind Energy, LLC for a 41 Megawatt Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Kandiyohi and Meeker Counties

Commissioner Wergin moved to approve the petition for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System site permit transfer from Lake Country Wind Energy, LLC to Trishe Wind Minnesota, LLC, and to issue an amended permit.

The motion passed 5-0.

**ET-2,E-015/TL-10-1307 Great River Energy
In the Matter of Great River Energy's Application for a Route Permit for the Savanna
115 kV Transmission Line in St. Louis and Carlton Counties, Minnesota**

Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the alignment deviation from the permitted route as proposed by GRE.

The motion passed 5-0.

**ET2,E015/CN-14-787 Great River Energy
In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy and Minnesota Power for a
Certificate of Need for the Menahga Area 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Hubbard,
Wadena and Becker Counties**

Commissioner Lipschultz moved to take the following action:

1. Approve the proposed notice plan as modified by the Department EERA in its comments of October 8, 2014;
2. Approve the requested variance to Minn. R. 7829.2550, subp. 6, on the timing of the implementation of the notice plan;
3. Approve the requested variance to Minn. R. 7829.2500, subp. 5, that requires an applicant to publish a newspaper notice upon filing a certificate of need; and
4. Grant the Applicants' requested exemptions from Minn. R. Chapter 7849, subject to GRE providing the alternative data as specified.

The motion passed 5-0.

**E-6928/GS-14-515
In the Matter of the Site Permit Application for the 100 MW Aurora Distributed Solar
Energy Project at Multiple Facilities in Minnesota**

Commissioner Lange moved that the Commission take no action on additional site alternatives and grant a variance to Minn. R. 7850.3700, subp. 3, to extend the ten-day timeline to 65 days for issuance of the scoping decision.

The motion passed 5-0.

E-017/M-14-647

Otter Tail Power Company Request by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of the Annual Rate Update to its Environmental Upgrades Cost Recovery Rider, Rate Schedule 13.08.

Commissioner Boyd moved to approve OTP's rider rate appropriate to the implementation date of December 1, 2014.

The motion passed 5-0.

E,G-999/CI-00-1343

In the Matter of an Investigation into Disclosure of Environmental Information to Utility Customers

E-999/CI-01-1127

In the Matter of an Investigation into Informing Customers of the Costs of Generation and Delivery of Electricity

Commissioner Lipschultz moved to take the following action:

1. Find that the environmental disclosure and cost of generation and delivery information compliance filings filed by utilities are in general compliance with the Commission's January 7, 2011 order in Docket No. E,G-999/CI-00-1343 and the February 2, 2012 order in Docket No. E-999/CI-01-1127.
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to approve the environmental disclosure and cost of generation and delivery information filed annually in accordance with the Commission's January 7, 2011 order in Docket No. E,G-999/CI-00-1343 and the February 2, 2012 order in Docket No. E-999/CI-01-1127.

The motion passed 5-0.

ET-6675/CI-11-1178

In the Matter of ITC Midwest LLC Compliance with Commitments in Docket E001/PA-07-540 to Improve the Transmission System and Relieve Constraints

E001/PA-07-540

In the Matter of the Joint Petition for Approval of Transfer of Transmission Assets of Interstate Power and Light Company to ITC Midwest LLC

Commissioner Boyd moved to take the following actions:

1. Find that the Company has met its construction commitments;
2. Do not apply the financial penalties provided for in the Commission's February 7, 2008 Order; and

3. Require ITC to file a report on or before November 1, 2016 on the current state of the transmission system in IPL service territory, including all binding constraints, the current impact of these constraints on Minnesota in terms of annual cost differential for energy flow into Minnesota, the duration of the constraint if no longer 500 hours or no longer fully mitigated, as well as the magnitude of that constraint in MWs that are not getting to Minnesota.

Commissioner Lipschultz moved to amend the motion to require ITC to file a report on or before November 1, 2015.

The motion passed 4-1 (with Commissioner Boyd voting no).

The Commission then voted on the original motion as amended by Commissioner Lipschultz.

The motion passed 5-0.

G-011/M-08-1328

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC-PNG Northern Natural) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2008-2009 Heating Season Supply Plan effective November 1, 2008.

G007/M-08-1329;

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC-NMU) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2008-2009 Heating Season Supply Plan effective November 1, 2008

G011/M-08-1330;

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC-PNG Great Lakes) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2008-2009 Heating Season Supply Plan effective November 1, 2008

G011/M-08-1331

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC-PNG Viking) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2008-2009 Heating Season Supply Plan effective November 1, 2008

Commissioner Boyd moved to take the following actions:

1. Approve MERC's request for interstate pipeline and other capacity changes to meet its Design Day and Reserve Margin requirements without endorsing MERC's design-day study analysis as described in the listed dockets; and
2. Approve MERC's request to recover the associated cost changes in its pipeline demand entitlement contracts and supplier reservation fees as requested by MERC.

The motion passed 5-0.

G-007/M-09-1282 In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC-NMU) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2009-2010 Heating Season Supply Plan Effective November 1, 2009

G-011/M-09-1283

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC-PNG GLGT) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2009-2010 Heating Season Supply Plan Effective November 1, 2009

G-011/M-09-1284

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC-PNG NNG) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2009-2010 Heating Season Supply Plan Effective November 1, 2009

G-011/M-09-1285

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC-PNG Viking) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2009-2010 Heating Season Supply Plan Effective November 1, 2009

Commissioner Lipschultz moved to take the following action:

1. Approve MERC's request for interstate pipeline and other capacity changes to meet its Design Day and Reserve Margin requirements as described in the dockets listed above;
2. Approve MERC's request to recover the associated cost changes in its pipeline demand entitlement contracts and supplier reservation fees;
3. Require that until actual daily transportation and interruptible data is available for all customers, that MERC use, for all its PGA systems, the modified non-firm gas use method as presented in its March 22, 2010 Reply Comments for the Great Lakes PGA system; and
4. Require that MERC-NMU to provide in its next demand entitlement filing a full discussion of how it intends to deal with the capacity limitations currently in place on the Northern Natural Gas system and how it intends to charge appropriate rates to Northern pipeline customers on both the MERC-NMU and MERC-PNG Northern PGA systems.

The motion passed 5-0.

**G-011/M-14-369 Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation
In the Matter of MERC's 2013 Demand Side Management Financial Incentives and
Annual Filing to Update the CIP Rider**

**G-001/M-14-369
In the Matter of MERC's 2013 Demand Side Management Financial Incentives and
Annual Filing to Update the CIP Rider**

Commissioner Wergin moved to

- A. Approve MERC's 2013 CIP tracker account as indicated at pages four through six of the DOC's September 2, 2014 comments.
- B. Approve MERC's 2013 financial incentive for CIP achievements.
- C. Approve the revised gas CCRA of \$0.00554 per therm for all of MERCs Minnesota customer classes, to be effective January 1, 2015, or on the first billing cycle in the next full month after Commission approval, whichever is later. The approval is conditioned on the Company submitting, within 10 days of the issue date of the *Order* in the present docket, a compliance filing with the relevant tariff sheets and necessary calculations that comply with the Commission's determinations.
- D. Delegate authority to the executive secretary to approve customer notices for the duration of this proceeding.
- E. Find that MERC has complied with the Commission's Order in Docket No. G-011/M-13-369 regarding the filing of conservation cost repayment adjustment schedules.
- F. Modify the carrying charge on the CIP tracker-account balance to reflect the Company's short-term cost of debt established in the Company's last rate case, Docket No. G-011/GR-13-617. The modification shall be effective as of the date of the Commission's Order in this docket.

The motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: January 28, 2015



Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary