



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

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INTRODUCTION

Denied petition for reconsideration

DECISION ITEMS - Revised 12/17/2020

1. ** PL9/CN-14-916; Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership
PL9/PPL-15-137;
PL9/C-20-801

In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, for a Certificate of Need and Route Permit for the Proposed Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border;
In the Matter of Honor the Earth's October 27, 2020 Petition for Investigation and Complaint Concerning the Capacity of the Enbridge Mainline System.

Should the Commission reconsider its December 9, 2020 Order Denying Motion for Stay Pending Appeal? (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.

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2. * IP7041/CN-20-764 Byron Solar Project, LLC
In the Matter of the Application of Byron Solar Project, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the up to 200 MW Byron Solar Project and 345 kV Transmission Line Olmsted and Dodge Counties.

1. Should the Commission approve the notice plan proposed by Byron Solar Project, LLC?
2. Should the Commission grant the exemptions request by Byron Solar Project, LLC?
3. Should the Commission vary Minnesota Rule 7849.0200, subpart 6, and extend the 30-day time limit to consider the exemption request? (PUC: Kaluzniak)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)
[Alternative Decision Options](#)

Approved proposed notice plan with modifications; approved requested exemptions with modifications; varied notice requirements

3. * P999/CI-20-665 Local Exchange Carriers

In the Matter of Telephone Assistance Plan Review.

1. Should the Commission accept the Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) Fund Review submitted on September 15, 2020 for the Six-Month Period Ending June 30, 2020?
2. Should the Commission modify the TAP Credit and Surcharge?
3. Should the Commission reconvene the TAP Advisory Group? (PUC: **Fournier**)

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Accepted TAP Fund review; modified monthly TAP credit and surcharge; required convening of TAP group

4. * G022/D-20-612 Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.

In the Matter of Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s Petition for Approval of its 2020 Depreciation Certification.

Should the Commission approve Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s 2020 depreciation certification? (PUC: **Worlobah, Hetherington**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Approved depreciation proposals; required individual depreciation of certain account

5. ** G004/M-20-335 Great Plains Natural Gas Co., a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

In the Matter of the Petition of Great Plains Natural Gas Co., a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., for Approval of its Revenue Decoupling Mechanism Rates and Decoupling Evaluation Report for Year 3 of its Pilot Program.

Should the Commission accept Great Plains' third annual revenue decoupling report for the calendar year evaluation period ended December 31, 2019 and approve Great Plains' revenue decoupling rate adjustments? (PUC: **Hetherington, Alonso**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Approved revenue decoupling mechanism factors and proposed tariff changes

**6. ** E015/M-16-564; Minnesota Power
E015/GR-19-442**

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Revised Petition for a Competitive Rate for

Energy-Intensive Trade-Exposed (EITE) Customers and an EITE Cost Recovery Rider; In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in Minnesota.

Should the Commission grant Minnesota Power's request to extend the term of its EITE Rider until final rates are implemented in Minnesota Power's next general rate case? (PUC: **O'Grady**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)
[Amendment to Decision Options](#)

Approved EITE Rider extension with conditions

7. **** E002/M-20-620 Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Wind Repower Portfolio.
1. Should the Commission approve Xcel's Wind Repower Portfolio and requested mechanisms for cost recovery?
 2. Should the Commission adopt the Department's proposed list of conditions and ratepayer protections?
 3. Should the Commission require Xcel to make a compliance filing explaining why the repowering projects that were not brought forward in the Petition are not in the public interest? (PUC: **Stalpes**)

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Approved petition with modifications

ADJOURNMENT

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**** Two stars indicate a disputed item or significant legal or procedural issue to be resolved. (Ex Parte Rules apply)**
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