



The Commission met on **Thursday, June 12, 2025**, with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Ham, Partridge, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

U-999/PR-25-16

In the Matter of Commission Subcommittee Delegations under Minn. Stat. 216A.03, subd. 8

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission appoint Commissioner Audrey Partridge as chair of the Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs effective June 13, 2025.

The motion passed 4–0.

E-002/M-25-135

In the Matter of Xcel Energy’s Petition for Approval of its Electric State Energy Policy Compliance and True-Up Proposal

Commissioner Partridge moved that the Commission:

1. Accept Xcel Energy’s Petition as compliant with ordering paragraph 4 of the Commission’s January 23, 2024 order in Docket No. E-002/M-23-465.
2. Approved Xcel Energy’s proposal to set 2025 electric State Energy Policy (SEP) Rider rate to \$0, effective January 1, 2025.
3. Approved Xcel Energy’s proposal to reduce the SEP Rider tracker account to \$0 by netting the final under collection of \$1,348,580, adjusted as needed for actual cancel/rebill activity, through the interim rate refund adjustment in Docket No. E-002/GR-24-320.
4. Allowed Xcel Energy to discontinue filing annual SEP Rider compliance filings specific to Prairie Island settlement payments until there are SEP Rider qualifying costs in the future.

The motion passed 4–0.

G-011/M-24-269

In the Matter of Minnesota Energy Resources Corp.'s Petition for Approval of a Change in Demand Entitlement for its Consolidated System;

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In the Matter of Minnesota Energy Resources Corp.'s Petition for Approval of a Change in Demand Entitlement for its NNG System

Commissioner Ham moved that the Commission:

1. Approve recovery of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation's (MERC) demand costs in the consolidated territories through the monthly purchased gas agreement effective November 1, 2024.
2. Accept MERC's proposed total entitlement level of 64,429 dekatherms in the Consolidated territories.
3. Approve MERC's design-day analysis for the Consolidated territories.
4. Approve recovery of MERC's demand costs in the Northern Natural Gas territory through the monthly purchased gas agreement effective November 1, 2024.
5. Accept MERC's proposed total entitlement level of 320,242 dekatherms in the Northern Natural Gas territory.
6. Approve MERC's design-day analysis for the Northern Natural Gas territory.

The motion passed 4–0.

ET-3/TL-23-388

In the Matter of the Application of Dairyland Power Cooperative for a Route Permit for the Wabasha Relocation 161 kV Transmission Line Project in Wabasha County

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

1. Adopt the ALJ Report to the extent it is consistent with the Commission's decisions in its order.
2. Find that the environmental assessment and the record created at the public hearing address the issues identified in the scoping decision.
3. Issue a route permit to Dairyland Power Cooperative for the Dairyland-Wabasha 161 kV Transmission Line Reroute Project with the following modifications:

- a. The Permittee shall develop a Vegetation Management Plan for the existing Christmas tree farm in coordination with the property owner to allow for the continued growth and harvesting of Christmas trees within the right-of-way.
- b. In the North portion of the route, expand the route width approximately 1000 feet on the Miller Dairy Farm and the McMillan Property to the south of the Applicant's distribution proposed route width between the McMillan Property and mile marker 6.5 of the route to allow for flexibility to coordinate pole placement with the impacted landowners.
- c. Modify section 5.1 of the draft route permit to require that landowners receive the permit with associated complaint procedures no less than 30 days prior to the preconstruction meeting and that the permittee shall file an affidavit 14 days prior to the preconstruction meeting detailing compliance with this provision and detailing the distribution of the permit and complaint procedures amongst the affected landowners within the widened route width along the bluff.
- d. The Permittee shall provide the Commission with quarterly updates about the progress of the final route alignment in the areas where the route width was expanded and the McDonough and Gusa properties.
- e. The Permittee shall work with McDonough to place poles on the property lines and minimize poles in the field to the extent practicable.
- f. The existing structures for the present 161kV line that are no longer needed as a result of the realignment of this project must be removed and the soil returned to its original condition within one year after the replacement line is energized. Restoration in agricultural fields must allow for cultivation and be replaced with dirt of a same or similar characteristic to the surrounding field. The Permittee must deed back the easements no longer needed to operate the replacement line or the existing 345kV line to the owners of the underlying fee title. This should be at no cost to the landowners in payments or closing costs.

4. Delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to modify the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Route Permit to correct any typographic and formatting errors and ensure consistency with the Commission's order.

The motion passed 4–0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: August 13, 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Bull". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Bull, Acting Executive Secretary