

The Commission met on **Thursday, January 23, 2020** with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Means, Schuerger, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

E-234, 101/SA-19-717

In the Matter of the Joint Request of Elk River Municipal Utilities and Connexus Energy for approval to Modify Electric Service Territory Boundaries

Chair Sieben moved that the Commission approve the permanent service territory transfer from Connexus Energy to Elk River Municipal Utilities and request that the Minnesota Geospatial Information Office update the Commission’s maps to reflect the service area designations as shown on the map in the petition.

The motion passed 4–0.

E-286, 112/SA-19-772

In the Matter of the Joint Request of North Branch Water and Light Commission of the City of North Branch and East Central Energy to Modify Electric Service Territory Boundaries

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission approve the permanent service territory transfer from East Central Energy to the North Branch Water and Light Commission and request that the Minnesota Geospatial Information Office update the Commission’s maps to reflect the service area designations as shown on the map in the petition.

The motion passed 4–0.

E-001/M-13-867

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy, for Approval of its Proposed Community Solar Garden Program.

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission:

1. Approve Xcel’s 2020 VOS as filed, with the supplemental update filed by Xcel on November 6, 2019.
2. Within five days, require Xcel to make a compliance filing incorporating the decisions set forth in this order. Xcel’s 2020 VOS rate shall become effective as of the date of the compliance filing.
3. For future annual VOS update filings, require Xcel to do the following:

- a. File by September 1.
- b. Include in the filing:
 - i. A list of all changed parameters as permitted by the approved VOS Methodology, and any updated input values;
 - ii. A discussion, along with any necessary tables, charts, and explanations, of how these changes will affect the VOS rate, as well as variables within the rate;
 - iii. Hourly PV fleet production data for PV systems 1 MW and under in the utility service territory, including:
 - 1. synchronized, time-stamped hourly values of average power over the same load analysis period and corresponding to the same hourly intervals,
 - 2. data for every hour of the load analysis period, and
 - 3. a load analysis period including multiple contiguous years, with complete one-year periods, using available and correct data; and
 - iv. Sufficient evidence and data to support these changes.
- c. Convene a meeting no later than August 1, 2020 to explain in detail to those in attendance each of the items identified above. Topics discussed at the meeting must also include:
 - i. How the solar-weighted heat rate is determined,
 - ii. Avoided plant operations and maintenance costs, and
 - iii. Avoided generation capacity costs.

The motion passed 4–0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: April 1, 2020



Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary