



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

Thursday, April 22, 2021

9:15 AM

Online via Webex

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **G004/M-20-562** **Great Plains Natural Gas Co., a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Great Plains)**

In the Matter of the Petition of Great Plains Natural Gas Co., a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2020-2021 Winter Heating Season.

Should the Commission approve Great Plains' proposed demand entitlement levels and cost changes? (PUC: **Ubani**)

Approved demand entitlement levels and cost changes.

2. * **G002/M-20-633** **Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of the Petition by Northern States Power Company for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements.

Should the Commission accept Northern States Power Company's (Xcel Energy's) proposed level of demand entitlements and allow Xcel Energy to recover the associated demand costs through the monthly Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) effective November 1, 2020? (PUC: **Bender**)

Approved demand entitlement and cost recovery; required additional information in next filing.

3. ** **E017/M-21-99** **Otter Tail Power Company**

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Petition for Approval of the Customer Eligibility, Updated Baseline and Annual Update to its Energy-Intensive, Trade-Exposed Rider Surcharge Rate, Rate Schedule 13.09.

1. Should the Commission approve Otter Tail Power Company's Petition for its renewal of four-year customer eligibility and annual update to its Energy-Intensive, Trade-Exposed (EITE) Rider Surcharge Rate?
2. Should the Commission approve Otter Tail's baseline and annual update to its EITE Rider? (PUC: Larson)

Extended EITE discount four years with conditions.

4. ** E002/M-21-69 **Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of the Petition by Northern States Power Company for Approval of a Credit Mechanism to Return to Customers Department of Energy Settlement Payments.
1. Should the Commission approve Xcel's Proposal to Refund the U.S. Department of Energy's eleventh settlement payment?
 2. Should the Commission allocate a portion of the eleventh settlement payment to Xcel's PowerOn program and, if so, how much? (PUC: **Alonso**)

Approved refund proposal with modifications.

5. * E015/CN-21-140 **Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for a Certificate of Need for the Duluth Loop Reliability Project in Saint Louis County, Minnesota.
1. Should the Commission approve the notice plan proposed by Minnesota Power in its February 26, 2021 Certificate of Need Notice Plan Approval Request?
 2. Should the Commission grant the exemptions request by Minnesota Power?
 3. Should the Commission vary Minnesota Rule 7829.2500, subpart 6? (PUC: **Kaluzniak**)

Approved notice plan; granted variances and exemptions.**The following items will not be heard before 10:00 AM**

6. * E002/M-12-1278 **Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of Renewable Development Fund Cycle 4 Request for Approval of an Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Grant Contract for an Energy Production Project (EP4-15);
In the Matter of Renewable Development Fund Cycle 4 Petition for Approval of a Change in Scope of a Renewable Development Fund Grant Contract with Bergey Windpower Co. (EP4-24) and the University of Minnesota (RD4-11). (PUC: Mackenzie; DOC: Miltich)

NOTE: Staff recommends approval of amendments on Renewable Development Fund Grant Contracts with Bergey Windpower Co. (EP4-24) and the University of Minnesota (RD4-11).

Approved EP4-24 and RD4-11 grant contract amendments.

7. ** E002/M-13-867 **Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy**
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.

Should the Commission accept, reject, or take some other action on Xcel Energy's November 2, 2020 planned outage compliance report? (PUC: **Mackenzie**)

Took no action on compliance report; required additional filings.

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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