



# Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

## Decisions

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Thursday, April 30, 2020

9:15 AM

Online via WebEx

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### INTRODUCTION

### DECISION ITEMS

1.     **\*\* E999/PR-19-9**                   **Minnesota Power;  
Otter Tail Power;  
Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of Trade Secret Designations of 2019 Cogeneration and Small Power Production Reports.

Should the Commission grant the Joint Commenters' Petition for Rehearing or Reconsideration? (PUC: **Rosier**)

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.

**Attachments:**     [Briefing Papers](#)

**Reconsideration denied.**

2.     **\*\* E002/M-13-867**                   **Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy**  
In the Matter of the Co-Location Dispute Appeal of Xcel Energy for the ReneSola Power Holdings, LLC Helen CSG 1 Community Solar Garden.

Should the Commission affirm or reject the dispute resolution decision issued by the Department of Commerce regarding the issue of co-location of a Community Solar Garden project under development by ReneSola Power Holdings? (PUC: **Kaluzniak**)

**Attachments:**     [Briefing Papers](#)

**Appeal denied; filing required.**

### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE HEARD BEFORE 10:45 AM

3.     **\*\* E999/CI-07-1199**                   **All Electric Utilities  
E999/DI-19-406**

In the Matter of Establishing an Updated 2020 Estimate of the Costs of Future Carbon

Dioxide Regulation on Electricity Generation under Minn. Stat. § 216H.06.

1. What should the Commission establish as the likely range of costs for future CO2 regulation on electricity generation?
2. In what year should the costs begin to be applied?
3. Should the Commission modify how it has instructed utilities to model scenarios of CO2 regulatory and externality costs? (PUC: **Stalpes**)

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**CO2 regulatory costs retained; future reference scenarios to incorporate social/regulatory costs.**

**4. PULLED**

**\*\* ~~E017/D-19-547~~ Otter Tail Power Company**

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Petition for Approval of its 2019 Annual Review of Depreciation Certification.

1. Should the Commission approve the proposed depreciation parameters and the resulting rates for Otter Tail Power Company's annual depreciation update?
2. Should the proposed remaining lives of Hoot Lake Production Plant Units 2 & 3 and Hydraulic Production Plant be reduced by one year to better match depreciation accruals to plant retirement? (PUC: **Hetherington**)

**Pulled.**

**5. \*\* E015/GR-19-442; Minnesota Power  
E015/M-20-429**

In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for Authority to Increase Electric Service Rates in Minnesota;

In the Matter of the Emergency Petition of Minnesota Power for Approval to Move Asset-Based Wholesale Sales Credits to the Fuel Adjustment Clause and Resolve Rate Case.

Should the Commission approve Minnesota Power's request to lower interim rates effective May 1, 2020? (PUC: **Bonnett, Alonso, Bender, Harding**)

**Attachments:** [Briefing Papers](#)  
[Revised Decision Alternatives](#)

**Interim rate reduction approved.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\* One star indicates agenda item is unusual but is not disputed.**

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

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