

The Commission met on **Tuesday, December 19, 2017** with Chair Lange and Commissioners Lipschultz, Schuerger, Sieben, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

P-999/M-17-20

In the Matter of the 2017 Lifeline Recertification Results

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

Accept the Department's analysis regarding the ETCs 2016 Lifeline recertification surveys. All ETCs have complied with the requirement to submit their recertification results to the Commission, and the re-certification results comply with required recertification procedures.

The motion passed 5-0.

P-999/CI-17-677

In the Matter of the Telephone Assistance Plan

Commissioner Sieben moved that the Commission:

1. Maintain current TAP credit and surcharge levels.
2. Find that TAP funds are authorized for use in program improvement including outreach and promotion under Minn. Stat. § 237.701, subd. 1(2), on the condition that prior to disbursing the funds, the task force files a report with the Commission describing its proposal for use of the funds.
3. Establish a TAP/Lifeline Working Group to address improving TAP/Lifeline program effectiveness beginning with the questions posed by the Legal Services Advocacy Project.

The motion passed 5-0.

IP-6646/WS-13-216

In the Matter of the Application of Stoneray Power Partners, LLC for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the 105 MW Stoneray Wind Project in Pipestone and Murray Counties

IP-6646/CN-13-193

In the Matter of the Application of Stoneray Power Partners, LLC for a Certificate of Need for a 105 MW Wind Project in Pipestone and Murray Counties

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission:

1. Amend the site permit as recommended by staff:
 - a. Authorize the change in turbine type (and other associated updates);
 - b. Authorize the change in permit boundary, as depicted in the site maps attached to the proposed amended permit;
 - c. Require the inclusion of the two DOC EERA recommended permit amendments
 - i. Turbine Operational Curtailment
 - ii. Avian and Bat Protection Plan Special Provision
 - d. Require the inclusion of a condition that requires Stoneray to provide notice to landowners and affected landowners of the reissued permit.
2. Authorize staff to make further administrative permit modifications as necessary to ensure consistency with the record and recently issued permits.

The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission require EDF to make quarterly reports to the Commission that detail the use of Minnesota labor and out-of-state construction labor during construction of the project. The reports must identify, to the extent practicable, the number of hours worked on the project by workers who reside within Minnesota, who reside outside Minnesota, and who reside outside Minnesota but within 100 miles of the Minnesota state border.

The motion failed 2-3, with Commissioners Lange, Schuerger, and Tuma voting against the motion.

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission require EDF to file a report at the time of the pre-operation compliance meeting to the Commission that details EDF's efforts and the site contractor's efforts to hire Minnesota workers. The report must include any statistics or information on the use of in-state labor EDF and its contractors are required to collect under laws or rules of other state and local agencies.

The motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: February 14, 2018



Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary