



# Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Decisions

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## PUC Agenda Meeting

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Thursday, March 1, 2018

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

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### INTRODUCTION

### DECISION ITEMS

1. [Details](#)  
[2018-028](#) \* **E999/AA-16-523**      **All Commission-Regulated Electric Utilities**  
In the Matter of the Review of the 2015-2016 Annual Automatic Adjustment Reports for All Electric Utilities.
  1. Should the Commission accept the electric utilities' 2015-2016 annual automatic adjustment reports?
  2. Should the Commission approve the Department's recommendation concerning the discontinuance of the Nuclear Sinking Fund reporting requirement?
  3. How should the Commission address the Department's FCA reform recommendations?
  4. Should the Commission approve the inclusion of new Ancillary Services Market ramping charges for recovery through the FCAs?
  5. Should the Commission accept Minnesota Power's explanation regarding the two average cost of fuel differences identified by its auditor as reasonable?
  6. Should the Commission accept Xcel Energy's statement that it has alleviated the potential for reoccurrence of identified data discrepancy issues? (PUC: **Bonnett**)

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

**Accepted reports, discontinued Nuclear Sinking Fund reporting requirement; approved recovery of Day-Ahead and Real-Time Ramp Capability Amounts through fuel clause adjustments and required Xcel to report those amounts as separate line items; accepted Minnesota Power's explanation of average cost of fuel differences; accepted that Xcel has taken appropriate measures to avoid incorrect data.**

2. [Details](#)  
[2017-216](#) \*\* **E002/M-17-532**      **Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy**  
In the Matter of a Petition for Approval of an Amendment to the Hennepin Energy Resource Co. (HERC) Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

Should the Commission grant Hennepin County's Request for Reconsideration?

Should the Commission grant Neighbors Against the Burner Request for Reconsideration? (PUC: **Martone, Stalpes**)

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.

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### Denied petitions for reconsideration.

3. [Details](#)      \*\* E002/M-13-867      **Northern States Power Company d/b/a**  
[2014-031](#)      **Xcel Energy**  
 In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company, dba Xcel Energy, for Approval of Its Proposed Community Solar Garden Program.
- Should the Commission approve Xcel's calculation of the 2018 system-wide Value-of-Solar (VOS) rate or make some or all of the modifications proposed by the Department of Commerce and other parties?  
 What is the appropriate bill credit rate to be applied to Community Solar Garden (CSG) project applications deemed complete after December 31, 2017? (PUC: **Mackenzie**)

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[VOS Table 2-28-18](#)

**Established 2018 VOS rate; directed use of 2017 VOS vintage year bill credit rate until 2018 VOS rate effective; accepted DOC offer to convene stakeholder process on calculation of locational avoided distribution costs; maintained October 1 filing date for annual VOS update except for 2019 update to be filed September 1, 2018; required tariff revisions**

### The following item will not be heard before 10:30 am.

4. [Details](#)      \*\* ET6657/WS-08-573      **Wisconsin Power and Light Company**  
[2016-138](#)      In the Matter of the Site Permit Issued to the Wisconsin Power and Light Company for the Bent Tree Project in Freeborn County.

What action should the Commission take in response to the findings of

the noise study filed on February 8, 2018? (PUC: **DeBleeckere**)

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**Required Wisconsin Power and Light (WPL) to show cause no later than April 30, 2018, why its site permit should not be suspended or revoked; required WPL to continue curtailment of the three applicable turbines; required the Department to review and file preliminary options for full site noise monitoring no later than April 30, 2018; Required the Department to file a report by March 31, 2018, regarding whether WPL's curtailment are sufficient to ensure compliance with noise standards.**

## **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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