



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

Thursday, October 10, 2019

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **IP7002/CN-19-154** **Three Waters Wind Farm, LLC**
In the Matter of the Application for a Certificate of Need for the up to 200 MW Three Waters Wind Farm in Jackson County.

1. Should the Commission find the application complete?
2. Should the Commission direct the use of the information review process?
3. Should the Commission take any other action? (PUC: **DeBleeckere**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Accepted application as complete; to use informal review process

2. **PULLED**

- ** **E017/M-19-256** ~~**Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail)**~~
In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's 2018 Demand-Side Management Financial Incentive and Annual Filing to Update the Conservation-Improvement Program Rider.

1. What 2018 tracker account balance should be approved by the Commission?
2. What level of Shared Savings financial incentive should the Commission approve for Otter Tail's 2018 CIP achievements?
3. What Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment (CCRA) should the Commission approve for 2019/2020?
4. Should the Commission approve the request for a variance to Minnesota Rule 7820.3500 (E) and (K) to allow Otter Tail to continue to combine the Fuel Clause Adjustment (FCA) with the Conservation Improvement Adjustment on customer bills? And
5. Should the Commission require Otter Tail to submit a compliance filing, within 10 days of the issue date of the Order in the present docket, with revised tariff sheets reflecting the Commission's determinations in this matter? (PUC: **Fournier**)

3. ** **E999/AA-18-373** **All Commission-Regulated Electric Utilities**
In the Matter of the Review of the 2017-2018 Annual Automatic Adjustment Reports for All Electric Utilities.

1. Should the Commission accept the electric utilities' 2017-2018 annual automatic adjustment reports?
2. Should the Commission approve or modify Xcel Energy's electric surcharge relating to the High Bridge Adjustment?
3. How should the Commission address the electric utilities' self-commitment and self-scheduling of baseload generation plants? (PUC: **Bonnett, Alonso, Bender**)

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Accepted as complete 2018 AAA reports as filed and amended; accepted compliance filings; authorized surcharging electric customers for 2017-2018 misallocation and requiring error reports in future filings; moved self-commitment and self-scheduling requirements to separate docket.

4. **** G999/AA-18-374, et al; All Commission-Regulated Natural Gas Utilities G008/M-18-462**
In the Matter of the Review of the 2017-2018 Annual Automatic Adjustment Reports and Annual Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) True-up Filings;
In the Matter of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas' Request for Change in Demand Units.
 1. Should the Commission accept the natural gas utilities' 2017-2018 annual automatic adjustment (AAA) reports and 2017-2018 annual true-up filings?
 2. Should the Commission approve CenterPoint Energy's proposed level of demand entitlement and proposed recovery of associated demand costs effective November 1, 2018? (PUC: **Bartusch, Bender**)

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[Briefing Papers 18-374 et al](#)

Accepted 2018 gas utilities' annual reports and allowed them to implement true-ups; allowed CPE to recover amounts related to Viking demand Entitlement error and recovery of demand costs; approved Xcel's proposed refund related to High Bridge Adjustment with interest at prime rate on 2013-2017 prior year's adjustment.

5. **** G011/M-18-527; Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation G011/M-18-526**
In the Matter of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation's (MERC) Petitions for Approval of a Change in Demand Entitlement for its Consolidated (18-527) and Northern Natural Gas (18-526) Systems.
 1. Should the Commission approve MERC's proposed demand entitlement capacity (levels) and cost changes to meet its Design Day and Reserve Margin requirements for the 2018-2019 Heating Season for its Consolidated PGA area,

- effective November 1, 2018?
2. Should the Commission approve MERC's proposed demand entitlement capacity (levels) and cost changes to meet its Design Day and Reserve Margin requirements for the 2018-2019 Heating Season for its NNG PGA area, effective November 1, 2018?
 3. Should the Commission approve MERC's proposal to correct an identified error in its Northern Natural Gas demand entitlement and its November 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 NNG purchased gas adjustments and grant variances to applicable Minnesota Rules? (PUC: **Bender**)

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Approved proposed levels of demand entitlement; allowed refunds and recovery over a six-month period; granted variances.

6. * **G004/M-18-454** **Great Plains Natural Gas Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.**
In the Matter of the Petition of Great Plains Natural Gas Co, a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2018-2019 Winter Heating Season. (PUC: Ubani, Krishnan, Bender; DOC: Shah)

Attachments: [DOC - Comments - 8-29-2018](#)
 [DOC - Supp Comments - 8-1-2019](#)

Approved proposed level of demand entitlement; directed additional information in next petition.

7. * **G002/M-18-528** **Northern States Power Company,
doing business as Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements. (PUC: Ubani, Krishnan, Bender; DOC: Shah)

Attachments: [DOC Comments 10-1-18](#)
 [DOC Supplemental Comments 8-1-19](#)

Approved proposed level of demand entitlement.

8. ** **EG999/CI-19-160** **All Commission-Regulated Natural Gas
and Electric Utilities**
In the Matter of Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Inquiry into the Impacts of Severe Weather in January and February 2019 on Utility Operations and Service.
 1. What impact did the cold weather in January and February 2019 have on utility operations and service?
 2. Were there lessons learned from this severe weather event that can be used to

keep utility systems operating reliably and safely under extreme, challenging circumstances in the future?

3. Should the Commission approve one or more of the parties' recommendations that address the future reliability of utility operations and service? (PUC: **Bender, Manning, Harding**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Required additional reports, allowed increase in Centerpoint curtailment penalty, approved proposed tariff changes.

9. **** G002/M-18-692 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 a Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Rider True-up Report for 2018, the Forecasted 2019 Revenue Requirements, and Revised Adjustment Factors.
 1. Should the Commission approve or modify Xcel Energy's proposed 2019 Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Rider revenue requirement and adjustment factors?
 2. Should the Commission accept Xcel Energy's 2018 True up Report? (PUC: **Bonnett, Bartusch**)

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Petition approved as modified.

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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