



**Minnesota Public Utilities
Commission
Decisions
PUC Agenda Meeting**

121 7th Place East
Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Thursday, July 30, 2015

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS

DELIBERATION ITEMS

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **P423/M-15-433** **Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Company**
In the Matter of a Petition of Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone
Cooperative for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications
Carrier.

Should the Commission approve Paul Bunyan Telephone
Cooperative's Petition for ETC designation in Minnesota for the
purpose of qualifying for receipt of federal Connect America Funds as
part of the FCC's Rural Broadband Experiments? (PUC: **McCarthy**)

Approved, subject to conditions.

2. ** **E002/M-12-1278** **Northern States Power Company d/b/a
Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of a Request by Xcel Energy to Issue Renewable
Development Fund Cycle 4 Requests for Proposals and Petition for
Approval of a Standard Grant Contract.

Should the Commission approve Xcel's Renewable Development
Fund (RDF) higher education (HE) block grant contracts with the
University of Minnesota and the University of St. Thomas? (PUC:
Mackenzie)

Approved; compliance filing required.

3. ** **E002/M-15-330** **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's for Approval of Cost Recovery of the Aurora Power
Purchase Agreement (PPA).

Should the Commission approve the Aurora PPA under Minn. Stat. § 216B.1645, Subd. 1? Should the Commission allow Xcel to recover the Minnesota jurisdictional portion of the costs of the Aurora PPA via the Fuel Clause Rider? (PUC: **DeBleeckere, Mackenzie**)

PPA approved; cost recovery authorized through fuel clause rider; compliance filing required.

4. ** E002/M-15-401 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 the Acquisition of the 200 MW Courtenay Wind Farm.

Should the Commission approve Xcel's proposal to acquire Courtenay Wind, with or without conditions, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.1645, subd. 2a? (PUC: **Stalpes, Morrissey, DeBleeckere**)

Acquisition approved.

The following item will not be heard before 10:00 AM.

5. ** PL5/CN-14-320 Minnesota Pipe Line Company, LLC

In the matter of the Application of Minnesota Pipe Line Company, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the Minnesota Pipe Line Reliability Project to Increase Pumping Capacity on Line 4 Crude Oil Pipeline in Hubbard, Wadena, Morrison, Meeker, McLeod and Scott Counties Minnesota.

Should the Commission grant a certificate of need to Minnesota Pipe Line Company, LLC (MPL) for the Minnesota Pipe Line Reliability Project? (PUC: **Panait**)

ALJ's Report adopted and certificate of need granted.

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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