



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

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

Thursday, June 2, 2016

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS

DELIBERATION ITEMS

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **IP6949/GS-15-620 Mankato Energy Center II, LLC**
In the Matter of the Application of Mankato Energy Center II, LLC for a Site Permit for the 345 MW Expansion of the Mankato Energy Center.

Should the Commission find that the Environmental Assessment and the record on this project adequately address the issues identified in the Scoping Decision? Should the Commission approved the proposed findings of fact and issue a site permit for the proposed natural gas electric generating facility? (PUC: **DeBleekere**)

Issued site permit, approved and adopted findings of fact, found environmental assessment adequate.

2. ** **E015/TL-14-21 Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for a Route Permit for the Great Northern Transmission Line Project in Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Beltrami, Koochiching and Itasca Counties.

Should the Commission reconsider its April 11, 2016 Order Issuing Route Permit with Modifications? (PUC: **Kaluzniak**)

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.

Denied reconsideration; required MP to confer with landowners and agencies, to conduct a full engineering design and environmental analysis to set alignment to be submitted in Plan

and Profile, and consultation with MDNR and report of resolution reached.

3. * E002/GR-13-868 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy

E,G002/AI-15-536

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in the State of Minnesota - 2015 STEP Projects Final Compliance Report and Refund Plan;

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of its 2016 Annual Cost Allocation Modifications to its Service Agreement with Xcel Energy Services Inc. - 2016 Cost Allocation Modifications to Service Agreement Refund Plan (PUC: Alonso; DOC: Lusti)

Filing accepted; Refund approved.

4. * E002/M-15-1089 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of a Credit Mechanism to Return to Customers Department of Energy Settlement Payments.

Should the Commission approve Xcel Energy's proposed credit refund to customers? (PUC: **Alonso**)

Refunds approved; filings required.

5. ** E015/M-15-825 Minnesota Power

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Power for Approval of a Community Solar Garden Program, Eligibility of the Energy for Small Scale Solar Energy Standard Compliance and a Recovery Method for Program Cost Recovery.

Whether the Commission should approve, modify or deny Minnesota Power's (MP or the Company) Petition for Approval of a Community Solar Garden Program? (PUC: **Bahn, Rebholz**)

Pilot program approved as modified; PPA approved; Draft RFP for non-utility CSGs required.

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)

Please note: For the complete record, please see eDockets