



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

Thursday, August 13, 2020

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INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

- 1. * E002/M-20-402; Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy;**
E015/M-20-428; Minnesota Power;
E017/M-20-451; Otter Tail Power Company;
G008/M-20-455; CenterPoint Energy;
G002/M-20-403; Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy;
G011/M-20-457; Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation;
G022/M-20-458 Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.

In the Matter of a Petition Submitted by Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, Requesting Approval of its Conservation Improvement Program Filing (Electric) (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Zajicek);
In the Matter of Minnesota Power's 2019 Conservation Improvement Program Consolidated Filing (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Davis);
In the Matter of Otter Tail Power's 2019 Demand Side Management Financial Incentive Project and Annual Filing to Update the Conservation Improvement Project Rider (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Winner);
In the Matter of CenterPoint Energy's 2019 Conservation Improvement Program Status Report, 2019 Demand Side Management Financial Incentive, Conservation Improvement Program Tracker Report, and 2019 Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment Aggregated Compliance Filing (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Davis);
In the Matter of a Petition Submitted by Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, Requesting Approval of its Conservation Improvement Program Filing (Natural Gas) (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Zajicek);
In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Approval of 2019 Conservation Improvement Program Tracker Account, Demand-Side Management Financial Incentive, and Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment Factor (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Byrne);
In the Matter of Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s Petition for Approval of 2019 Conservation Improvement Program Tracker Account and Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Winner).

Attachments: [20-402 DOC Comments 5-7-20](#)
[20-402 Xcel Reply Comments 5-26-20](#)
[20-402 DOC Response Comments 6-9-20](#)
[20-428 DOC Comments 5-26-20](#)
[20-428 MP Reply Comments 6-10-20](#)
[20-451 DOC Comments 7-1-20](#)
[20-451 OTP Reply Comments 7-13-20](#)
[20-455 DOC Comments 6-2-20](#)
[20-455 CPE Reply Comments 6-11-20](#)
[20-403 DOC Comments 5-7-20](#)
[20-457 DOC Comments 6-15-20](#)
[20-458 DOC Comments 7-1-20](#)

Approved petitions.

2. * **E111/M-19-674** **Dakota Electric Association**
In the Matter of Dakota Electric Association's 2019 Integrated Distribution System Plan.
1. What action should the Commission take with Dakota Electric Association's 2019 Integrated Distribution System Plan (IDP)?
 2. Should the Commission adjust any of the IDP filing requirements for Dakota Electric Association's next IDP? (PUC: **Rosier**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Accepted IDP filing, modified filing requirements, authorized stakeholder group.

3. ** **E002/PA-19-553** **Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of the Acquisition of the Mower County Wind Facility.
1. Should the Commission approve the request of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel or the Company) for approval of the acquisition, ownership, and operation of the 98.9 Megawatt repowered Mower County, Minnesota Wind Facility pursuant to the terms of a negotiated purchase agreement, as a regulated asset?
 2. Alternatively, should the Commission approve the First Amendment to the Renewable Energy Purchase Agreement (REPA)? (PUC: **Hetherington, Alonso**)

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Approved acquisition with conditions.

4. * ET2/TL-20-423 **Great River Energy;
Otter Tail Power Company**

In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy and Otter Tail Power Company for a Route Permit for the Frazee to Erie 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Becker and Otter Tail Counties.

1. Should the Commission accept the route application as substantially complete?
2. Should the Commission appoint an advisory taskforce?
3. What actions should the Commission take concerns the public hearing process and procedures? (PUC: **Bruce**)

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 [Decision Options](#)

Accepted application; requested appointment of Administrative Law Judge; and granted rule variance.

5. * IP6997/CN-18-699; **Plum Creek Wind Farm, LLC**
 IP6997/WS-18-700;
 IP6997/TL-18-701

In the Matter of the Applications of Plum Creek Wind Farm, LLC for a Certificate of Need, Site Permit, and Route Permit for an up to 414 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System and 345 kV Transmission Line in Cottonwood, Murray, and Redwood Counties, Minnesota.

1. What action should the Commission take concerning route alternatives to be evaluated in the environmental impact statement?
2. Should the Commission issue a draft site permit for the proposed Plum Creek Wind Farm? (PUC: **Ek**)

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Proposed additional routes for EIS; issued draft site permit.

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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