

The Commission met on **Thursday, February 22, 2018**, with Chair Lange, and Commissioners Lipschultz, Schuerger, Sieben, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

PL-9/CN-14-916

In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership for a Certificate of Need for the Proposed Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border

PL-9/PPL-15-137

In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership for a Route Permit for the Proposed Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission deny the petitions for reconsideration.

The motion passed 5–0.

E-999/CI-03-802

In the Matter of an Investigation into the Appropriateness of Electric Energy Cost Adjustments

Commissioner Schuerger moved to do the following:

1. Deny all petitions for reconsideration and/or clarification; and
2. Grant Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company an exemption from Fuel Clause Adjustment reform.

The motion passed 4–1; Commissioner Lipschultz voted no.

G-011,002/C-17-802

In the Matter of the Formal Complaint and Petition for Relief by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC) Against Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel)

Commissioner Lipschultz moved to do the following:

1. Find that the Commission has jurisdiction over the complaint and petition for relief filed by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC) against Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel);

2. Suspend prospective application of Xcel's promotional incentive tariff pending the outcome in Docket No. G-999/CI-17-499, *In the Matter of a Commission Investigation into Parameters for Competition Among Natural Gas Utilities Involving Duplication of Facilities and Use of Promotional Incentives and Payments*, but take no action regarding its application in this case. Xcel may file a revised tariff that purports to satisfy the specificity requirements of tariffing under the statute;
3. Dismiss MERC's complaint without further investigation, and without reaching the question of whether Xcel's new facilities are unreasonably duplicative.

Commissioner Sieben proposed amending the motion to direct staff to begin a comment period in Docket No. G-999/CI-17-499 on whether all use of promotional discounts similar to Xcel's should be suspended.

Commissioner Lipschultz accepted the amendment.

Commissioner Lipschultz amended the motion to acknowledge that Xcel may file for Commission review a new miscellaneous tariff to provide a discount or promotional offering.

The motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: May 2, 2018



Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary