



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

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

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Thursday, June 30, 2016

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

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**INTRODUCTION**

**ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS**

**DELIBERATION ITEMS**

**DECISION ITEMS**

1. [Details](#)      **E,G002/M-16-358**      **Northern States Power Company, d/b/a**  
[2016-114](#)      **Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel or the Company) Request for Approval of Miscellaneous Tariff Modifications. (PUC: Twite; DOC: Kamara)

Staff Note: Staff agrees with the recommendations of the Department of Commerce and further recommends delegating authority to the Executive Secretary to approve the customer notice contained in the petition.

**Attachments:** [DOC Comments 5-24-16](#)

**Approved bill pay changes, required compliance filing, and delegated authority to Executive Secretary**

2. [Details](#)      **\*\* E999/CI-07-1199**      **All Electric Utilities**  
[2014-091](#)      In the Matter of Establishing an Updated 2016 Estimate of the Costs of Future Carbon Dioxide Regulation on Electricity Generation under Minn. Stat. §216H.06.

What values should the Commission adopt as the likely range of costs for future CO<sub>2</sub> regulation on electricity generation? In what year should the values begin to be applied?

Should the Commission establish values for IRPs filed in 2016 and 2017?

Should the Commission open a generic docket to reexamine the relationship between the external cost of CO<sub>2</sub> and the anticipated regulatory cost of CO<sub>2</sub>? (PUC: Twite)

**Attachments:** [Briefing Papers](#)

**For purpose of 2016-17 IRPs, assume CO2 regulatory cost of \$9-\$34/ton beginning in 2022. No new generic docket**

3. [Details](#)  
[2016-108](#)

\* **E017/M-16-373; Otter Tail Power Company**  
**E017/M-16-374**

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Petition for Approval of the Annual Rate Update to its Environmental Upgrades Cost Recovery Rider Rate, Rate Schedule 13.08;  
In the Matter of the Petition of Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of a Transmission Cost Recovery Rider Annual Adjustment.

Should the Commission adopt the Department's May 17, 2016 recommendation and grant provisional approval of OTP's petitions with the understanding that a final decision on these matters will be made subsequent to receipt of parties' comments? (PUC: Kaml, Schwieger; DOC: Medhaug)

Staff Note: The Commission granted the Department's request for an extension of the comment period in its May 25, 2016 Notice of Extended Comment Period. Otter Tail Power does not object to the Department's recommendation for provisional approval of its petitions.

**Attachments:** [DOC Extension Request 5-17-16](#)  
[PUC Extension Notice 5-25-16](#)  
[OTP Reply 5-27-16](#)

**Provisional approval of cost recovery rider granted**

4. [Details](#)  
[2014-161](#)

\*\* **E115/M-11-409 Minnesota Power**

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Fourth Annual Report of its Customer Affordability of Residential Electricity (CARE) program.

Should the Commission accept Minnesota Power's fourth annual CARE program annual report?  
Should the Commission allow Minnesota Power's request to recover its administrative costs associated with its CARE program? (PUC: Schwieger)

**Attachments:** [Briefing Papers 6-22-16](#)

**Accepted 4th Annual CARE program report; denied recovery of administrative fees**

5. [Details](#)  
[2016-107](#)

\* **G008/M-16-266; All Regulated Natural Gas Utilities**  
**G002/M-16-272;**  
**G011/M-16-273;**  
**G004/M-16-275;**

**G022/M-16-233**

In the Matter of the Application of CenterPoint Energy's Gas Affordability Program 2015 Annual Compliance Report;  
 In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy's Gas Affordability Program 2015 Annual Compliance Report;  
 In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation's Gas Affordability Program 2015 Annual Compliance Report;  
 In the Matter of the Application of Great Plains' Natural Gas Company, a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. Gas Affordability Program 2015 Annual Compliance Report;  
 In the Matter of the Application of Greater Minnesota Gas, Incorporated's Gas Affordability Program 2015 Annual Compliance Report.

Review and acceptance of the 2015 Gas Affordability Program (GAP) annual compliance reports. (PUC: **Schwieger, Harding**)

**Attachments:** [Briefing Papers 6-23-16](#)

**2015 Gas Affordability Program compliance reports accepted**

6. [Details  
2016-101](#)

\* **ET2,E015/TL-15-204**      **Great River Energy;  
Minnesota Power**

In the Matter of the Route Permit Application by Great River Energy and Minnesota Power for a 115 kV Transmission Line near Motley, Minnesota.

Should the Commission approve the request for minor alterations of the approved project route? If the minor alterations are approved, should any conditions be required? (PUC: **DeBleekere**)

**Attachments:** [Briefing Papers](#)

**Authorized Minor Alteration 1 without conditions; authorized Minor Alteration 2; required DNR's mitigation measures; required coordination with Crow Wing County and DNR re proper restoration of Motley Substation**

7. [Details  
2013-370](#)

\* **IP6646/CN-13-193;**      **Stoneray Power Partners, LLC**  
**IP6686/WS-13-216**

In the Matter of the Application of Stoneray Power Partners, LLC for a Certificate of Need for an up to 105 MW Large Energy Facility in Pipestone and Murray Counties;  
 In the Matter of the Application of Stoneray Power Partners, LLC for a LWECs Site Permit for an up to 105 MW Large Energy Facility in Pipestone and Murray Counties.

Should the Commission approve the Petition for an extension to the

in-service date of the Certificate of Need without recertification or further hearing?  
Should the Commission amend or revoke the LWECS Site Permit pursuant to Minn. Rule 7854.1200 and .1300? (PUC: **DeBleekere**)

**Attachments:** [Briefing Papers](#)

**Permit change and amendments granted, and notice 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**