



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

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

Thursday, April 21, 2016

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS

DELIBERATION ITEMS

DECISION ITEMS

1. **** IP6687/CN-08-951; Flat Hill Windpark I, LLC**
 IP6687/WS-08-1134
 In the Matter of the Certificate of Need for the Flat Hill Windpark I
 Project in Clay County;
 In the Matter of the Large Wind Energy Conversion Site Permit for the
 Flat Hill Windpark I Project in Clay County.

 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: **DeBleeckere**)

 Approved extension to in-service date to December 2017;
 Granted amended site permit with conditions.

2. *** IP6961/CN-16-215 Blazing Star Wind Farm, LLC**
 In the Matter of the Application of Blazing Star Wind Farm, LLC for a
 Certificate of Need for the 200 Megawatt Blazing Star Wind Project in
 Lincoln County, Minnesota.

 - Should the Commission grant the exemptions to the certificate of
 need application content requirements as requested by Blazing
 Star Wind Farm, LLC in its March 8, 2016 filing?
 - Should the Commission vary Minn. R. 7849.0200, subp. 6, to
 extend the 30-day time limit to consider the requested
 exemptions? (PUC: **Ek**)
 Granted exemptions with conditions; variance granted.

3. **** P6958/M-15-1051 Leech Lake Telecommunications**

Company, LLC

In the Matter of the Leech Lake Telecommunications Company
Request to Defer Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications
Carrier to the Federal Communications Commission.

Should the Commission defer to the Federal Communications
Commission (FCC) the Leech Lake Telecommunications Company
(LLT) request for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications
Carrier (ETC)? (PUC: **O'Grady**)

Closed docket, directed Executive Secretary to notify FCC.

4. * **G002/M-16-88** **Northern States Power Company d/b/a
Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of a Petition Submitted by Northern States Power
Company (Xcel) Requesting Approval of an Extension of Variances to
Minnesota Rules to Allow Xcel to Recover the Costs of Financial
Instruments Through the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause. (PUC:
Bender; DOC: Ryan)
- Approved.**
5. * **G011/M-15-722;** **Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation**
G011/M-15-723;
G011/M-15-724
In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources
Corporation (MERC-Consolidated) for Approval of Changes in
Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2015-2016 Heating Season
Supply Plan effective November 1, 2015;
In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources
Corporation (MERC-Northern Natural Gas (NNG)) for Approval of
Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2015-2016 Heating
Season Supply Plan effective November 1, 2015;
In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources
Corporation (MERC-Albert Lea) for Approval of Changes in Contract
Demand Entitlements for the 2015-2016 Heating Season Supply Plan
effective November 1, 2015.
- Should the Commission approve MERC's proposed demand
entitlement capacity (levels) and cost changes to meet its Design Day
and Reserve Margin requirements as described in the listed dockets,
effective November 1, 2015? (PUC: **Brill**)
- Approved MERC's proposed demand entitlement capacity levels
and cost changes in each docket to meet design day and reserve
margin requirements with conditions.**
6. ** **E002/M-13-867** **Northern States Power Company d/b/a
Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company, dba Xcel Energy, for Approval of Its Proposed Community Solar Garden Program.

Should the Commission clarify its definition of "Community Solar Garden Site" as set forth in its September 17, 2014 Order Approving Solar-Garden Plan with Modifications, so as to confirm CSG program eligibility for SolarStone Partners, LLC's Chisago Project? (PUC: Mackenzie, Rebholz)

Denied request for clarification; required revised tariff filing.

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