



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

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

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Friday, March 6, 2015

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

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**Deliberations | Monticello Life Cycle Management/Extended Power Uprate Project**

**INTRODUCTION**

**ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS**

**DELIBERATION ITEMS**

1.                   **\*\* E002/CI-13-754                    Northern States Power Company d/b/a  
Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of a Commission Investigation into Xcel Energy's Monticello Life Cycle Management/Extended Power Uprate Project and Request for Recovery of Cost Overruns.

- (1) Was Xcel Energy's handling of the Monticello Life-Cycle Management/Extended Power Uprate Project prudent?
- (2) Is Xcel's request for recovery of Monticello LCM/EPU Project cost overruns reasonable?
- (3) How should costs be allocated between the LCM & EPU parts of the Project?
- (4) What disallowance remedy, if any, should be adopted? (PUC: **Dasinger, Alonso, Kaluzniak**)

**Granted full recovery of LCM/EPU project costs, but disallowed return on costs exceeding initial estimate.**

**Deliberations on the following item will not be heard before 1:30 p.m.**

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

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in the State of Minnesota.

- (1) Should the Extended Power Uprate portion of the Monticello LCM/EPU project be considered "used and useful" during the 2014 test year?

- (2) When should the Monticello Extended Power Uprate (EPU) project costs be included in rate base?
- (3) What is the proper amortization period for the Monticello prudence review costs? (PUC: **Dasinger, Alonso**)

(A notice will be issued separately that indicates oral argument times and procedures. The Commission expects to hear oral argument on the remaining issues in the 2013 rate case docket on Thursday, March 19, 2015, and to deliberate on Thursday, March 26, 2015. The starting time for the March 19 and 26 meetings and a schedule for oral argument will be provided in a future notice.)

**Determined that EPU was not used and useful in 2014 and excluded EPU depreciation expense and return from 2014 test year based on a 50% allocation; allowed Xcel to begin recovering EPU costs in 2015 rates.**

## DECISION ITEMS

## 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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