

The Commission met on **Thursday, September 24, 2015**, with Chair Heydinger and Commissioners Lange, Lipschultz, Tuma, and Wergin present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

ENERGY AGENDA

E-002, 148/SA-15-655

In the Matter of a Joint Request for Approval of a Service Territory Orderly Transfer Agreement between Northern States Power Company and Wright Hennepin Electric Cooperative Association

Commissioner Wergin moved to approve the service territory orderly transfer agreement.

The motion passed 5–0.

E-111/M-15-651

In the Matter of a Petition by Dakota Electric Association to Implement a Solar Option for Wellspring

Commissioner Lipschultz moved to approve the Company’s petition.

The motion passed 5–0.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

P-6845/M-15-691

In the Matter of the Petition of Southwest Minnesota Broadband Services (SMBS) for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC)

Commissioner Tuma moved to take the following actions:

1. Find that SMBS meets the common-carrier requirement for ETC designation.
2. Find that SMBS offers the supported services required for ETC designation.
3. Find that the proposed service area conforms to federal and state rules.
4. Find that SMBS has made a credible, but incomplete, showing of its capability and intent to provide and advertise an affordable, quality Lifeline offering throughout its proposed service area, and that its designation for the provision of Lifeline service is in the public interest subject to the following conditions:

- a. Within 30 days of this order, SMBS shall submit a formal advertising and outreach plan listing the specific local and community newspapers and commercial broadcast stations in Minnesota through which it intends to advertise the availability of voice telephony, including Lifeline service, and a proposed schedule or anticipated frequency of such advertising;
 - b. SMBS shall notify the Commission and the Department, in writing, immediately upon any change to its voice telephony offering terms, conditions, or rates; and
 - c. SMBS shall notify the Department and the Commission if it is unable to serve a Lifeline-qualified customer within its service area within ten days of making the determination.
5. Grant the ETC designation subject to the preceding conditions.

The motion passed 5–0.

P-5615, 6716/PA-15-653

In the Matter of the Notification by Charter Communications, Inc.; Charter Fiberlink CCO, LLC; Charter Fiberlink CC VIII, LLC; Charter Advanced Services (MN), LLC; and Charter Advanced Services VIII (MN), LLC of Corporate Reorganization

Commissioner Lange moved to find that Commission approval of the reorganization and transactions is not required and to close the docket.

The motion passed 5–0.

P6716, 5615/C-14-383

In the Matter of the Complaint by the Minnesota Department of Commerce Against the Charter Affiliates Regarding Transfer of Customers

Commissioner Wergin moved to deny Charter’s petition for rehearing.

The motion passed 5–0.

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: October 21, 2015



Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary