



# Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

## Decisions

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Thursday, September 19, 2019

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

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### INTRODUCTION

### DECISION ITEMS

1. **PULLED**

\* ~~IP7006/CN-19-309~~ ~~Buffalo Ridge Wind Energy, LLC~~

In the Matter of the Application of Buffalo Ridge Wind Energy, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the 109.2 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Lincoln County, Minnesota.

1. Should the Commission accept the certificate of need application as substantially complete?
2. Should the Commission direct that the application be evaluated using the informal review process or refer the application to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested case proceeding?
3. Should the Commission vary the time limits of its rules that relate to application completeness and date of the information/ER scoping meeting? (PUC: **Panait**)

2. **PULLED**

\* ~~IP7006/WS-19-394~~ ~~Buffalo Ridge Wind, LLC~~

In the Matter of the Application of Buffalo Ridge Wind Energy, LLC for a Site Permit for the 109.2 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Lincoln County, Minnesota.

1. Should the Commission accept the site permit application as substantially complete?
2. What procedural process should the Commission authorize for evaluation of the site permit application?
3. Should the Commission vary the time limits of its rules that relate to application completeness and draft permit issuance? (PUC: **Panait**)

3. \*\* **E015/M-11-409** **Minnesota Power**

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of a Rider for Customer Affordability of Residential Electricity.

Should the Commission accept Minnesota Power's (MP's) seventh annual report on its Customer Affordability of Residential Electricity (CARE) Program, approve MP's request to make modifications to its CARE Program as developed through collaborative stakeholder engagement process and approve MP's proposal to recover

administrative costs through the surcharge? (PUC: **Ubani**)

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

**Accepted report, authorized program changes, and required compliance filing.**

4. \*\* E015/S-19-170                      **Minnesota Power**  
In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Power for Approval of 2019 Capital Structure and Permission to Issue Securities.

Should the Commission approve Minnesota Power's 2019 capital structure and grant permission to issue securities? (PUC: **Manning, Krishnan**)

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

**Approved filing with modification and set future filing requirements.**

5. \* P999/PR-19-8                      **Local Exchange Companies;  
Eligible Telecommunications Carriers**  
In the Matter of Annual Certification related to Eligible Telecommunications Carrier's (ETCs) Use of the Federal Universal Service Support required pursuant to C.F.R. 54.313.

1. Should the Commission approve all petitioning ETCs' requests for high cost support certification?
2. Should the Commission order other action in this matter? (PUC: **McCarthy**)

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

**Certified ETCs and required compliance filing.**

6. \*\* E002/M-13-867                      **Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**  
In the Matter of the Petition for Approval of Northern States Power Company, dba Xcel Energy's, Community Solar Garden Program.

What action(s) should the Commission take in response to Nokomis Partners' May 21, 2019 comments? (PUC: **Kaluzniak**)

**Attachments:** [Briefing Papers](#)  
[Revised Decision Options](#)  
[Second Revised Decision Options](#)

**Denied appeal and required compliance 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)**
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