



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Decisions PUC Agenda Meeting

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

Thursday, January 29, 2015

9:30 AM

Small Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS

DELIBERATION ITEMS

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **P6450/PA-14-1010** **LSSI Data Corporation;
Newnet Communication Technologies,
LLC**
In the Matter of the Joint Petition for Approval of Indirect Transfer of Control of LSSI Data Corporation to NewNet Communication Technologies, LLC. (PUC: Oberlander; DOC: Linscheid) NOTE: Staff supports all of the Departments recommendations, including the approval of a settlement regarding violations of Minn. Stat. § 237.74, subd. 12 and Minn Rule Part 7812.0500. In addition, Staff recommends that the Commission condition its approval by requiring also the Company to submit TAP Reports for Calendar years 2013 & 2014.

Approved transfer of control with conditions; required payment of settlement within 30 days

2. ** **ET6675/CN-12-1053** **ITC Midwest LLC**
In the Matter of the Application of ITC Midwest LLC for a Certificate of Need for the Minnesota - Iowa 345 kV Transmission Line Project in Jackson, Martin, and Faribault Counties, Minnesota.

Should the Commission reconsider its November 25, 2014 Order Granting a Certificate of Need with Conditions? (PUC: **Ek**)

The Commission has the authority to accept or decline a petition for reconsideration **with or without** a hearing or oral argument. (Minnesota Rules 7829.3000, Subpart 6) In other words, a decision on a petition for reconsideration can be made without taking oral comments at the Commission meeting.

Denied reconsideration

3. **** ET6675/TL-12-1337 ITC Midwest LLC**
In the Matter of the Application of ITC Midwest LLC for a Route Permit for the Minnesota-Iowa 345 kV Transmission Line Project in Jackson, Martin, and Faribault Counties, Minnesota.
- Should the Commission reconsider its November 25, 2014 Order Issuing Route Permit? (PUC: **Ek**)
- The Commission has the authority to accept or decline a petition for reconsideration **with or without** a hearing or oral argument. (Minnesota Rules 7829.3000, Subpart 6) In other words, a decision on a petition for reconsideration can be made without taking oral comments at the Commission meeting.
- Denied reconsideration**
4. *** E015/M-14-960 Minnesota Power**
Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of a 133 MW Power Purchase Agreement with Manitoba Hydro. (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Rakow)
- Approved petition with caveat**
5. *** E015/M-14-926 Minnesota Power**
Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of a 50 MW Power Purchase Agreement with Manitoba Hydro. (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Rakow)
- Approved**
6. *** ET9/RP-13-1104 Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (SMPMPA)**
In the Matter of Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency's Submittal of Its 2014 - 2028 Integrated Resource Plan.
- What action should the Commission take on SMPMPA's filing? (PUC: **Fournier, Twite, Rebholz**)
- Plan approved; filing schedule established**
7. *** ET6133/RP-13-1165 Minnesota Municipal Power Agency**
In the Matter of MMPA's 2014-2028 Resource Plan.
- What action should the Commission take on MMPA's resource plan? (PUC: **Rebholz**)
- Plan approved; filing schedule established**
8. *** E017/D-14-732 Otter Tail Power Company**
In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's 2014 Remaining Lives

Petition.

Should the Commission approve Otter Tail Power Company's 2014 Proposed Remaining Lives?

What salvage rates should be used to calculate the depreciation expense? (PUC: Schwieger; DOC: Byrne, Medhaug)

Approved remaining lives, salvage values, and depreciation rate in OTP's 2014 filing with additional conditions; set filing date for next annual study

9.

G011/M-12-558;

MERC-NNG

G007/M-12-559

MERC-NMU

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC-PNG NNG) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements effective June 1, 2012;

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC-NMU) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements effective June 1, 2012.

Should the Commission approve MERC's proposed changes to storage reservation and capacity demand entitlements (levels) and cost changes as described in the listed dockets, effective June 1, 2012? (PUC: **Brill, Harding**)

Approved demand entitlement petitions effective 6/1/12

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* **G011/M-12-1192;**

Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation

(MERC)

G011/M-12-1193;

G011/M-12-1194;

G007/M-12-1195

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC-PNG GLGT) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2012-2013 Heating Season Supply Plan effective November 1, 2012;

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC-PNG NNG) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2012-2013 Heating Season Supply Plan effective November 1, 2012;

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC-PNG Viking) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2012-2013 Heating Season Supply Plan effective November 1, 2012;

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC-NMU) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2012-2013 Heating Season Supply Plan effective November 1, 2012.

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, 2012? (PUC: **Brill, Harding**)

Approved 2012-2013 demand entitlement petitions with conditions

11. * **G001/M-14-560** **Interstate Power and Light Company**
In the Matter of IPL's Request for Changes in Demand Entitlements.

Should the Commission approve IPL's proposed level of demand entitlement effective November 1, 2014 and allow IPL to recover the associated demand costs through the monthly Purchased Gas Adjustment?

Should the Commission accept IPL's proposal for complying with the Commission's November 14, 2013 Order concerning balancing service costs in Docket No.G-999/AA-12-756? (PUC: **Bender**)

**Approved demand entitlements per Co.'s supplemental filing;
allowed recovery of associated demand costs through PGA;
accepted proposed corrections to SMS cost allocation with
conditions**

12. ** **E015/M-14-337** **Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of a Transmission Cost Recovery Rider under Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, subd. 7b.

Should the proposed increases to the charges under the Transmission Cost Recover Rider be approved? (PUC: **Schwieger, Bender**)

Rider Modifications approved in part and denied in part

13. ** **E015/M-14-577** **Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Power for an Eligibility Determination Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §216B.1645 for Investments and Expenditures for the Thomson Restoration Project

Should the Commission approve MP's request for an eligibility determination under Minn. Stat. §216B.1645 for the investments and expenditures for the Thomson Restoration Project? (PUC: **Mackenzie, Morrissey**)

Eligibility determined

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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