

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Decisions

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PUC Agenda Meeting

Friday, July 29, 2016 9:30 AM Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS

DELIBERATION ITEMS

DECISION ITEMS

1. * E017/S-16-367 Otter Tail Power Company

In the Matter of the Petition of Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of its 2016 Capital Structure and Permission to Issue Securities. (PUC: Kaml; DOC: Kundert)

Capital structure filing approved.

2. * ET6/TL-16-327 Minnkota Power Cooperative

In the Matter of the Application of Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. for a Route Permit for the MPL-Laporte 115 kV Transmission Line in Clearwater and Hubbard Counties, Minnesota.

Should the Commission find the application complete and accept, conditionally accept, or reject the application? What action should the Commission take regarding other procedural items? (PUC: **Panait**)

Accepted application as complete.

3. ** ET2/TL-15-628 Great River Energy

In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy for a Route Permit for the Bull Moose 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Cass County.

- Should the Commission issue findings of fact and conclusions demonstrating that the alternative permitting process has been conducted in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 216E.04 and Minn. R. 7850.2800 to 7850.3900?
- Should the Commission find that the environmental assessment and the record created at the public hearing adequately address the issues identified in the scoping decision?

 Should the Commission issue a final route permit for the Bull Moose 115 kV Transmission Line Project? (PUC: Panait)

Deferred decision on route permit.

4. ** ET2/TL-15-423 Great River Energy

In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy for a Route Permit under the Alternative Permitting Process for the Palisade 115 kV Project near the city of Palisade, Minnesota.

- Should the Commission issue findings of fact and conclusions demonstrating that the alternative permitting process has been conducted in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 216E.04 and Minn. R. 7850.2800 to 7850.3900?
- Should the Commission find that the environmental assessment and the record created at the public hearing adequately address the issues identified in the scoping decision?
- Should the Commission grant a route permit for the Palisade 115 kV Transmission Line Project?
- Should the Commission require specific conditions if the route permit is granted? (PUC: Kaluzniak)

Deferred decision on route permit.

5. ** ET6657/WS-08-573 Wisconsin Power and Light Company (Bent Tree Wind Project)

In the Matter of the Site Permit Issued to Wisconsin Power and Light Company for the Bent Tree Project in Freeborn County.

What actions should the Commission take regarding the alleged violations of the site permit? (PUC: **DeBleeckere**)

Required additional noise monitoring and that noise study design follow EERA recommendations and include Langrud complaint; required WPL to contract for noise consultant with approval of PUC and DOC; requested PUC and EERA staff to confer with U of M to see if Complainants' human health concerns can be included in U of M study; in the alternative can these concerns be included in additional phase of study?

ADJOURNMENT

Please note: For the complete record, please see eDockets

^{*} 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)