



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

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

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS

DELIBERATION ITEMS

DECISION ITEMS

1. **E015/D-16-797** **Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of Minnesota Power's 2016 Remaining Life Depreciation Petition. (PUC: Schwieger; DOC: Addonizio)
Approved 2016 depreciation petition; set requirements for future filings.

2. * **E017/D-16-729** **Otter Tail Power Company**
In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's (OTP) 2016 Annual Review of Depreciation Certification.

Should the Commission Approve a 33.91 Year Remaining Life for the Hoot Lake Ash Disposal Facilities?
Should the Commission Approve a Life Extension to 2033 for OTP's Jamestown and Lake Preston Peaking Facilities?
Should the Commission Approve a Change to the Salvage Rate for OTP's Big Stone Plant?
Should the Commission Approve OTP's 2016 Proposed Service Lives and Salvage Values and the Resulting Depreciation Rates? (PUC: Schwieger)
Approved proposed remaining life of Hoot Lake ash ponds, extension of remaining lives of Jamestown and Lake Preston, proposed change to Big Stone AQCS net salvage value, and depreciation parameters; ordered rates effective as of 1/1/2017; and established timing and content requirements for future filings.

3. * **G002/M-17-101** **Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy (Xcel), for Approval of an Extension of

a Rule Variance to Use a Monthly Demand Cost True-up Mechanism.
(PUC: Bonnett, Bender; DOC: Beckett)

Granted variance extension, retaining existing reporting requirements.

4. * **PL6580/M-16-936** **Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC**
In the Matter of a Petition by Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC (GMT) for Approval of a Firm Gas Transportation Agreement with Lake Region Energy Services (LRES), a subsidiary of Lake Region Energy Cooperative (LREC).

Should the Commission approve Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC's petition for a Firm Gas Transportation Agreement providing intrastate pipeline transportation services to Lake Region Energy Services who will provide retail natural gas sales services to the Cities of Deer Creek and Parkers Prairie, MN and surrounding areas?

(PUC: **Brill**)

Approved agreement.

5. * **PL6580/M-16-1026;** **Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC**
G6960/M-16-214

In the Matter of a Petition by Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC (GMT) for Approval of a Firm Gas Transportation Agreement with United Natural Gas, L.L.C. (UNG), a Subsidiary of United Farmers Cooperative (UFC);

In the Matter of a United Natural Gas's Supplement Document Petition for an Expansion of its Small Gas Utility Franchise Exemption Granted in Docket No. G6960/M-16-214 to Include the Lower Sioux Indian Community and Other Surrounding Areas.

Should the Commission approve Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC's petition for a Firm Gas Transportation Agreement providing intrastate pipeline transportation services to United Natural Gas, L.L.C. (UNG) who will provide retail natural gas sales services to Morton, MN, the Lower Sioux Indian Community, and surrounding areas?

Should the Commission direct staff to issue a notice establishing a period of comment for interested parties on UNG's request to expand its small gas utility franchise exemption? (PUC: **Brill**)

Approved agreement.

6. ** **E015/M-16-204;** **Minnesota Power;**
E002/M-16-222; **Xcel Energy;**
E017/M-16-280 **Otter Tail Power**
In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of Revisions to Rider for Parallel Generation;

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Petition for Tariff Modifications Implementing Rules on Cogeneration and Small Power Production; In the Matter of Otter Tail Power's Request for Approval of Changes to Rate Schedules.

What action should the Commission take on the utility filings?

- Do the individual utility's modified tariffs appropriately incorporate all of the Rule changes made in Docket 13-729?
- Are any other changes made in the tariff reasonable? (PUC: **Rosier**)

Approved tariffs with modifications; referred meter requirements to Docket No. 16-521; referred Minnesota Power's monthly metering charges to Docket No. 16-204 for further record development; required compliance filings.

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)

Please note: For the complete record, please see eDockets