



**Minnesota Public Utilities  
Commission  
Decisions**

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

**PUC Agenda Meeting**

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Thursday, January 4, 2018

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

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**INTRODUCTION**

**DECISION ITEMS**

1. [Details](#)  
[2017-263](#)      **E017/D-17-652**      **Otter Tail Power Company**  
In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Petition for Approval of its 2017 Annual Review of Depreciation Certification. (PUC: Bartusch; DOC: Byrne)  
  
**Attachments:** [DOC Comments 9-28-17](#)  
[OTP Reply Comments 9-29-17](#)  
  
**Approved petition; established filing requirements**
  
2. [Details](#)  
[2017-258](#)      **E203,017/SA-17-804**      **Alexandria Board of Public Works d/b/a**  
**ALP Utilities;**  
  
**Otter Tail Power Company**  
In the Matter of The Joint Request of the Alexandria Board of Public Works d/b/a ALP Utilities and Otter Tail Power Company for approval to Modify Electric Service Territory Boundaries. (PUC: Terwilliger; DOC: Lusti)  
  
**Attachments:** [DOC Comments 12-13-17](#)  
  
**Approved requested service-territory transfer; required compliance filing**
  
3. [Details](#)  
[2017-257](#)      **E002/M-17-773**      **Northern States Power Company d/b/a**  
**Xcel Energy**  
In the Matter of the Petition for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement with Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend, LLC. (PUC: Rosier; DOC: Landi)  
  
**Attachments:** [DOC Comments 11-29-17](#)  
[DOC Comments 12-6-17](#)  
  
**Approved interconnection agreement**
  
4. [Details](#)  
[2016-087](#)      \* **E015/M-15-825**      **Minnesota Power**  
In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Power for Approval of a

Community Solar Garden Program.

Has the Company met the Requirements of Order Points 8, and 10, from the Commission's July 27, 2016 Order, with its October 3, 2016 Compliance Filing? (PUC: **Bahn**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

**Found that Minnesota Power complied with prior order**

5. [Details](#)  
[2017-262](#)

\* **IP6984/WS-17-749**                      **Flying Cow Wind, LLC**

In the Matter of the Application of Flying Cow Wind, LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 152 MW Bitter Root Wind Project and Associated Facilities in Yellow Medicine 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**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

**Accepted application as substantially complete; authorized informal process; varied rules**

6. [Details](#)  
[2016-178](#)

\* **G002/GP-16-656**                      **Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of the Xcel Energy Request for Permit Amendment of the Black Dog Natural Gas Pipeline Route Permit.

Should the Commission grant the requested route permit amendment? (PUC: **DeBleekere**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

**Granted route-permit amendment**

7. [Details](#)  
[2017-152](#)

\*\* **IP6946/WS-17-410**                      **Freeborn Wind Energy LLC**

In the Matter of the Application of Freeborn Wind Energy LLC for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the 84 MW Freeborn Wind Farm in Freeborn County.

Should the Commission issue a preliminary draft site permit for the Freeborn Wind Farm Project? (PUC: **Kaluzniak**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

**Issued draft site permit**

8. [Details](#)  
[2017-204](#)

\* **P421/RW-17-569**                      **Qwest Corporation, dba Century Link**

In the Matter of a Petition by Qwest Corporation dba Century Link QC for Resolution of Dispute with BNSF Railway Company Over Use of Railroad Right of Way Under Minn. Stat. §237.045.

Should the Commission reconsider its November 7, 2017 Order Finding that Minnesota Statute § 237.045 Governs the Proposed Facility?  
(PUC: **Kaluzniak, Gonzalez**)

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.

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

**Denied reconsideration****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