



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

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

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Thursday, March 22, 2018

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

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**INTRODUCTION**

**DECISION ITEMS**

1.                   **\*\* E999/CI-14-643                    All Electric Utilities**  
In the Matter of the Further Investigation into Environmental and Socioeconomic Costs Under Minnesota Statutes Section 216B.2422, Subdivision 3.  
  
Should the Commission grant the Minnesota Large Industrial Group's Petition for Reconsideration? (PUC: **Stalpes, DeBleeckere**)  
  
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 petition for reconsideration**
2.                   **\*\* E002/M-17-530;                    Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy  
E002/M-17-551**  
In the Matter of Petition of Approval to Terminate the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Benson Power, LLC, Acquire the Benson/Fibrominn Plant, and Close the Facility;  
In the Matter of Petition for Approval to Terminate the PPA with Laurentian Energy Authority I, LLC (LEA).  
  
What action should the Commission take on the petitions for reconsideration? (PUC: **Martone, Stalpes**)  
  
**Denied petitions for reconsideration**
3.                   **\* PL-6580/M-17-809                    Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC**  
In the Matter of a Petition by Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC (GMT) for Approval of a Firm Transportation Agreement with Lake Region Energy Services, Inc. (LRES)

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, Inc. who will provide retail natural gas sales services to the City of Dent, MN and surrounding area? (PUC: **Bartusch, Brill, Bonnett**)

**Approved firm transportation agreement.**

4. \* **PL-6580/M-17-810**                      **Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC**  
In the Matter of a Petition by Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC (GMT) for Approval of a Firm Transportation Agreement with Lake Region Energy Services, Inc. (LRES).

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, Inc. who will provide retail natural gas sales services to the City of Miltna, MN and surrounding area? (PUC: **Bartusch, Brill, Bonnett**)

**Approved firm transportation agreement.**

5. \* **G-6977/M-17-829**                      **Lake Region Energy Services, Inc.**  
In the Matter of a Petition by Lake Region Energy Services, Inc. for a Small Gas Utility Franchise Exemption to Provide Natural Gas Services to the Municipalities of Dent and Miltna

Should the Commission approve Lake Region Energy Services, Inc.'s request for a small gas utility franchise exemption under Minnesota Statute § 216B.16, subdivision 12, to serve the communities of Dent and Miltna? (PUC: **Bartusch, Brill, Bonnett**)

**Granted small gas utility franchise exemption; required compliance filing.**

6.                      **PULLED**

- \*\* ~~**P407,405/CI-18-122**~~                      ~~**Frontier Communications**~~

In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into the Service Quality, Customer Service, and Billing Practices of Frontier Communications.

1. Should the Commission order one or more public hearings on this matter?
2. Should the Commission order other action in this matter at this time? (PUC: **McCarthy**)

## **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**