



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

Thursday, July 26, 2018

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. **** P421/CI-17-796 CenturyLink QC**
In the Matter of Commission Inquiry into CenturyLink's Compliance with TAP Statutes and Rules.

Whether CenturyLink is meeting the requirements of Minnesota Statutes Sections 237.69 - 237.711 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7817 in administering the Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) to its customers.

What action, if any, should the Commission take to clarify the definition of a customer "complaint"? (PUC: **McCarthy**)

Set compliance and reporting requirements.

2. *** E002/PA-17-713 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval to Purchase Electric Transmission Facilities from Great River Energy.

Should the Commission approve Xcel Energy's purchase petition? (PUC: **Alonso**)

Approved transaction and granted variance.

3. *** E015/M-18-375 Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Renewable Resources Rider and 2018 Renewable Rider Factors.

Should the Commission grant Minnesota Power's modified request for provisional approval to implement new rider sub-factors effective on the first day of the month following Commission approval? (PUC: **Bender**)

Granted provisional approval; granted variance.

4. *** G999/CI-18-41 All Commission Rate Regulated Natural Gas Utilities**
In the Matter of a Commission Investigation into Natural Gas Utilities' Practices, Tariffs and Assignment of Cost Responsibility for Installation of Excess Flow Valves and Other Similar Gas Safety Equipment.

Should the Commission approve the proposed excess flow valve (EFV) tariffs?
Should the Commission accept the proposed customer notices as substantially compliant with 49 C.F.R. § 192.383?
Should the Commission accept the utility specific payment plans for customer requested installation of an EFV on an existing natural gas service line?
Should the Commission determine that the rate regulated natural gas utilities have complied with all of the filing requirements of the Commission investigation and close the docket? (PUC: **Bonnett**)

Found proposed EFV tariffs comply with 49 C.F.R 192.383; amended customer notice; set installation cost of EFV parameters; approved proposed payment plans; required reports.

5. ** G999/CI-17-499 Minnesota Regulated Natural Gas Utilities

In the Matter of a Commission Investigation into Parameters for Competition Among Natural Gas Utilities Involving Duplication of Facilities and Use of Promotional Incentives and Other Payments.

Is it permissible under Minnesota statutes and rules for Minnesota's regulated natural gas utilities to offer promotional incentives to potential customers and, if so, what criteria should control those offerings?

What criteria should the Commission use to determine whether natural gas facilities are unnecessarily duplicative as contemplated by MS § 216B.01? (PUC: **O'Grady**)

Found that incentives are inconsistent with Minnesota law; specified criteria for determining unnecessary duplication of facilities.

*** 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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