



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

Thursday, October 11, 2018

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. **E002,325/SA-18-492 Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy;
City of Kasota Electric Department**

In the Matter of the Joint Request of Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy, and the City of Kasota Electric Department for Approval of two Compensations and Orderly Transfer Agreements (Agreements) Between the Two Parties. (PUC: Terwilliger; DOC: Lusti)

Attachments: [DOC Comments 8-13-18](#)

Approved agreements.

2. * **E002/M-17-775 Northern States Power Company,
doing business as Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's (Xcel) Residential Time of Use Rate Design Pilot Program - Petition For Reconsideration of the Office of the Attorney General.

1. Should the Commission grant reconsideration as requested by the Office of the Attorney General?
2. Should the Commission make any other decision? (PUC: **Bahn**)

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.

3. * **E016/M-18-400 Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company**

In the Matter of Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company's Application for Authority to Refund Tax Savings from the Tax Cut and Jobs Act (TCJA) of 2017 to Minnesota Customers.

Should the Commission approve Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company's proposed handling of TCJA-related refunds? (PUC: **Alonso**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Approved refund proposal with modifications.

4. * **G008/GR-17-285** **CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a
CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas**

In the Matter of the Application by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota.

Compliance Filing Submitted by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corporation d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas, Pursuant to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's July 20, 2018 Order Accepting and Adopting Agreement Setting Rates. (PUC: Alonso, Bartusch, Krishnan, Bonnett; DOC: Johnson)

Attachments: [DOC Comments 9-12-18](#)
[CenterPoint Letter 9-18-18](#)

Approved compliance filing.

5. * **G008/MR-18-533** **CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas**

In the Matter of a Petition by CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas for Approval to Establish a New Base Cost of Gas in Compliance with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's Order in CenterPoint Energy's General Rate Filing in Docket No. G008/GR-17-285. (PUC: Alonso, Bartusch; DOC; Beckett)

Attachments: [DOC Comments 9-12-18](#)
[CenterPoint Letter 9-18-18](#)

Approved new base cost of gas.

6. **PULLED**

** ~~**G008/AI-18-517**~~ ~~**CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a
CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas**~~

In the Matter of the Petition of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas, for Approval of an Affiliated Interest Agreement between CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas and Minnesota Limited.

1. Does the Commission have jurisdiction to require approval of the proposed CenterPoint Energy/Vectren transaction under Minnesota Statutes §216B.50, §216B.48 and/or §216B.49 before acting on the Affiliated Interest petition?
2. If the Commission requires approval of the CenterPoint Energy/Vectren transaction, what additional information should CenterPoint Energy be required file? (PUC:

Alonso, Hetherington)

6a *IP6985/WS-17-700 Blazing Star Wind Farm 2, LLC

In the Matter of the Application of Blazing Star Wind Farm 2, LLC for a Site Permit for the 200 MW Blazing Star 2 Wind Project in Lincoln County, Minnesota.

Should the Commission adopt the Administrative Law Judge's Summary of Public Testimony, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation?

Should the Commission issue a site permit for the up to 200 megawatt Blazing Star 2 Wind Project in Lincoln County, Minnesota? (PUC: **DeBleekere**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Adopted ALJ's report with modification and issued site permit.

7. ** E002/M-13-867 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy, for Approval of Its Proposed Community Solar Garden Program.

What action should the Commission take in response to Xcel Energy's customer bill impact analysis of a residential adder to the Community Solar Garden (CSG) subscriber bill credit? (PUC: **Mackenzie**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Adopted a two-year adder of 1.5 cents per kWh, set reporting requirements, and authorized cost recovery.

The following item will not be heard before 10:30 AM

**8. ** E129,324/SA-17-141 North Star Electric Cooperative, Inc.;
City of Warroad**

In the Matter of the Joint Request of North Star Electric Cooperative, Inc. and the City of Warroad to Modify Electric Service Territory Boundaries.

1. Should the Commission approve the requested service territory transfer from North Star Electric Cooperative to the City of Warroad?
2. Should the Commission take any other action? (PUC: **Terwilliger**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Approved service-territory transfer.

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)**

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