



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

Thursday, December 6, 2018

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

- 1. P6160/RV-18-644 Telenational Communications, Inc.**
In the Matter of the Revocation of Telenational Communications, Inc.'s Certificate of Authority. (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Linscheid)

Attachments: [DOC Comments 10-31-18](#)

Revoked certificate of authority.

- 2. E281,124/SA-18-609 New Prague Utilities Commission;
Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative**
In the Matter of The Joint Request of the New Prague Utilities Commission and Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative for Approval to Modify Electric Service Territory Boundaries. (PUC: Terwilliger; DOC: Lusti)

Attachments: [DOC Comments 10-29-18](#)

Approved service territory transfer.

- 3. E002,257/SA-18-598 Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy;
Kasson Public Utilities**
In the Matter of The Joint Request of Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy, and Kasson Public Utilities for approval of a Compensation and Orderly Transfer Agreement and Bill of Sale Between the Two Parties. (PUC: Terwilliger; DOC: Lusti)

Attachments: [DOC Comments 10-29-18](#)

Approved service territory transfer.

- 4. ** E015,106/SA-17-893 Lake Country Power;
Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of the Complaint by Lake Country Power Against Minnesota Power Alleging Violation of Its Exclusive Service Area By Providing Service to Canadian National Railway Company Facilities Near Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota.

What procedure should the Commission use to decide this matter? (PUC: **Fournier**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Dismissed complaint.

5. * **E002/RP-15-21 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2016-2030 Integrated Resource Plan.

Should the Commission approve Xcel's request to delay filing its next resource plan from February 1, 2019 to July 1, 2019? (PUC: **Stalpes**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Granted resource plan postponement; required filings.

6. ** **E017/CI-18-253 Otter Tail Power Company**
In the Matter of Distribution System Planning for Otter Tail Power Company.

Should the Commission require Integrated Distribution Plan (IDP) filings on November 1, 2019 from Otter Tail? Should the Commission take some other action? (PUC: **DeBleekere, Rosier**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Adopted integrated distribution plan filing requirements.

7. ** **E015/CI-18-254 Minnesota Power**
In the Matter of Distribution System Planning for Minnesota Power.

Should the Commission require Integrated Distribution Plan (IDP) filings on November 1, 2019 from Minnesota Power? Should the Commission take some other action? (PUC: **DeBleekere; Rosier**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Adopted integrated distribution plan filing requirements.

8. ** **E111/CI-18-255 Dakota Electric Association**
In the Matter of Distribution System Planning for Dakota Electric Association.

Should the Commission require Integrated Distribution Plan (IDP) filings on November 1, 2019 from Dakota Electric Association? Should the Commission take some other action? (PUC: **DeBleekere; Rosier**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Adopted integrated distribution plan filing requirements.

9. ** **PL6580/M-18-465** **Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC**
In the Matter of the Petition of Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC (GMT) for Approval of a Firm Gas Transportation Agreement with Northwest Natural Gas of Cass County, LLC, Inc. to Serve the Walker, MN Area.
1. Should the Commission approve Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC's petition for a Firm Gas Transportation Agreement providing intrastate natural gas pipeline transportation services to Northwest Natural Gas of Cass County, LLC, Inc. (Northwest Natural Gas) who will provide retail natural gas services to the City of Walker, MN and surrounding area?
 2. Should the Commission open an investigation to determine if Northwest Natural Gas, and its affiliates, are in compliance with Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, Subd. 12 (Exemption for small gas utility franchise)? (PUC: **Bartusch; Brill**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Approved firm gas transportation agreement; opened inquiry into regulatory status.

10. ** **G004/M-18-282** **Great Plains Natural Gas Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group Inc.**
In the Matter of the Petition of Great Plains Natural Gas Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group Inc., for Approval of a Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Adjustment True-up Report for 2017, 2018 Revenue Requirement and Revised Adjustment Factors.
- Should the Commission approve Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost adjustment true-up report for 2017, 2018 revenue requirement and revised adjustment factors? (PUC: **Bartusch; Krishnan; Bender**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Approved true-up report.

11. ** **G011/M-18-281** **Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation**
In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Approval of a Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Rider.
- Should the Commission approve Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation's petition for approval of a Gas Utility Infrastructure Rider (GUIC)? (PUC: **Bartusch; Bender**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Granted petition.

The following items will not be heard before 11:00 AM.

- 12. ** E999/R-18-518 Goodhue Wind Truth**
In the Matter of the Possible Rulemaking to Amend Minnesota Rules Chapter 7854.

Should the Commission reconsider its September 26, 2018 Order Denying Petition?
(PUC: **DeBleekere**)

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 petition for reconsideration.

- 13. ** IP6984/CN-17-676 Flying Cow Wind, LLC**
In the Matter of the Application of Flying Cow Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the up to 152 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota.

1. Should the Commission accept the environmental report and find the record created in this matter adequately address the issues identified in the environmental report scoping decision?
2. Should the Commission grant a certificate of need for the up to 152 MW Bitter Root Wind Project proposed in Yellow Medicine County? (PUC: **Panait**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Referred for contested-case proceedings; asked Department to facilitate mediation.

- 14. * 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 adopt the administrative law judge's Summary of Public Testimony, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation?
2. Should the Commission grant a site permit for the up to 152 MW Bitter Root Wind Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Yellow Medicine County? (PUC: **Panait**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers and Proposed Site Permit](#)

Referred for contested-case proceedings; asked Department to

facilitate mediation.

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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