



# Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

## Decisions

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Wednesday, January 9, 2019

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

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### INTRODUCTION

### DECISION ITEMS

1.        **E002,124/SA-18-693        Northern States Power Company,  
doing business as Xcel Energy;  
Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative**

In the Matter of the Joint Request of Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, and Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative for Approval of Three Compensation and Orderly Transfer Agreements and Three Exception Agreements.  
(PUC: Terwilliger; DOC: Beckett)

**Attachments:**    [DOC Comments 12-3-18](#)

**Approved.**

2.        **E148,221/SA-18-705        City of Buffalo;  
Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association**

In the Matter of the Joint Request of the City of Buffalo and Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association to Update Electric Service Territory Records. (PUC: Terwilliger; DOC: Lusti)

**Attachments:**    [DOC Comments 11-30-19](#)

**Approved.**

3.        \*    **E999/AA-17-492        All Commission-Regulated Electric Utilities**

In the Matter of the Review of the 2016-2017 Annual Automatic Adjustment Reports for All Electric Utilities.

Should the Commission accept the electric utilities' 2016-2017 annual automatic adjustment reports? (PUC: **Bonnett, Alonso, Bender**)

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

**Amended report/compliance filings accepted. Electric utilities to analyze financial consequences of self-scheduling their generators.**

4.        \*    **E015/D-18-544        Minnesota Power**

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's 2018 Remaining Life Depreciation Petition.

Should the commission approve Minnesota Power's 2018 remaining lives annual depreciation petition? (PUC: **Hetherington, Schwieger**)

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

**Remaining lives/salvage rates approved. Boswell-related depreciation expenses to be amortized over 3 yrs. Instructions given for future depreciation filings.**

5.     \*     **E,G002/D-18-523**                     **Northern States Power Company,  
doing business as Xcel Energy**
- In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of its 2018 Annual Review of Transmission, Distribution, and General Depreciation Certification.
- Should the Commission approve Xcel Energy's 2018 annual update of remaining lives and depreciation rates for transmission, distribution and general accounts? (PUC: **Schwieger**)

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**Depreciation lives/rates approved. Instructions for future filings set.**

6.     \*     **G008/GR-13-316;**                     **CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp, d/b/a**  
             **G008/M-18-574**                     **CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas**
- In the Matter of an Application by CenterPoint Energy for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota
- Should the Commission accept CenterPoint's annual revenue decoupling report for the evaluation period ended June 30, 2018 and approve CenterPoint's revenue decoupling rate adjustments? (PUC: **Alonso, Hetherington**)

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**Decoupling report/adjustment factors accepted.**

7.     \*\*     **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 to file?
  3. Should the Commission accept CenterPoint Energy's Stipulation? (PUC: **Alonso, Hetherington**)

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                              [Supplemental Briefing Papers](#)

**Stipulation approved. Parties to investigate agreement.**

8.     \*    **IP6997/CN-18-699**                    **Plum Creek Wind Farm, LLC**  
      In the Matter of the Application of Plum Creek Wind Farm, LLC for a Certificate of Need for an up to 414 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System and 345 kV Transmission Line in Cottonwood, Murray and Redwood Counties, Minnesota.
1.    Should the Commission approve the notice plan proposed by Plum Creek Wind Farm, LLC in its November 9, 2018 Certificate of Need Notice Plan Approval Request?
  2.    Should the Commission grant the exemptions requested by Plum Creek Wind Farm, LLC in its November 13, 2018 Request for Exemption from Certain Application Content Requirements?
  3.    Should the Commission vary Minn. R. 7849.0200, subp. 6, and extend the 30-day time limit to consider the exemption request? (PUC: **Ek**)

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**Approved modified notice plan, exemptions; vary time limit.**

## **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**