Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

Thursday, May 2, 2019 | **9:30 AM** | **Small Hearing Room**

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **IP7003/CN-19-223** **Regal Solar, LLC**

In the Matter of the Application of Regal Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the up to 100 MW Regal Solar Project in Benton County, Minnesota.

1. Should the Commission grant the exemptions requested by Regal Solar, LLC in its March 13, 2019 Request for Exemption from Certain Certificate of Need Application Content Requirements?
2. Should the Commission vary Minn. R. 7849.0200, subp. 6, and extend the 30-day time limit to consider the exemption request? (PUC: **Ek**)

Attachments: Briefing Papers

Approved exemptions with condition; granted variance.

2. **E290,142/SA-19-187** **Owatonna Public Utilities; Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric**

In the Matter of the Joint Request of Owatonna Public Utilities and Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric for Approval of a Service Territory Transfer Agreement between the Two Utilities. (PUC: Terwilliger; DOC: Lusti)

Attachments: DOC Comments 3-27-19

Approved service transfer; order update on maps.

3. * **P999/PR-18-194** **Department of Commerce/TAM (Telecommunications Access Minnesota)**

In the Matter of Proposed Amendment to TAM FY 2019 Budget.

Should the Commission approve the proposed amendment to the TAM FY 2019 budget? (PUC: **McCarthy**)

Attachments: Briefing Papers

Accepted DHS proposals 1-7, with items 5, 6, and 7 to be reevaluated

with future budget proposals; Accepted DHS proposal 8 to decrease budgeted amount to correspond with action on items 1 -7.

4. * **E015/M-12-1359** **Minnesota Power**

In the Matter of a Request by Minnesota Power for a Modification to its Service Extension Tariff.

Should the Commission approve Minnesota Power's annual compliance filing, proposed per-foot extension charge, residential service extension allowance and general service/municipal pumping extension allowance for 2019? (PUC: **Schwieger**)

Attachments: Briefing Papers

Approved with clarification; ordered Company to credit customers affected by unauthorized extension allowance.

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

In the Matter of the Application by CenterPoint Energy for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota.

1. Should the Commission accept CenterPoint Energy's interim rate refund filings and approve the necessary variances to Minnesota Rules 7825.2390 and 7825.2700, subpart 3, to allow CenterPoint Energy to refund the additional interim rate refund interest to customers via the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA)?
2. Is additional CenterPoint action needed to identify and correct the root cause of the interim rate refund errors, improve communication about these matters with customers or indemnify ratepayers impacted by the billing errors that surfaced during the interim rate refund process?
3. Have any systemic problems been identified in the follow-up review of CenterPoint Energy's handling of this interim rate refund, and, if so, what steps has CenterPoint taken to correct these problems?
4. Should the Commission require CenterPoint Energy to provide in its 2018 and 2019 Safety, Reliability, and Service Quality Reports, a discussion regarding the impact of the interim rate refund issue(s) on its service quality? (PUC: **Bender**)

Attachments: Briefing Papers

Required refunds and compliance filings.

ADJOURNMENT

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