



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

Thursday, December 5, 2019

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. **** IP6985/WS-17-700 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy for a Site Permit Amendment for the up to 200 MW Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 Project in Lincoln County.

Should the Commission approve the amendments to the Blazing Star 2 Wind Project as requested by Xcel Energy? (PUC: **DeBleekere**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Granted permit amendment request.

2. *** E002/M-19-609 Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy**
In the Matter of the Petition for Approval of the Renewable Development Fund Annual Report, Tracker Account True-up, and Request New 2020 Rate Rider Factor. (PUC: Mackenzie; DOC: Ouanes)

Attachments: [DOC Comments 10-31-19](#)
[Xcel Reply Comments 11-12-19](#)

Approved adjusted 2020 RDF rate rider factor.

3. **** E017/RP-16-386 Otter Tail Power Company**
In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's 2017-2031 Resource Plan.
1. Should the Commission grant OTP's requested extension for its next Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) from June 1, 2020 to September 1, 2021?
 2. If so, should the Commission require OTP to file any supplemental information by June 1, 2020? (PUC: **Stalpes**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Approved delay of filing date for next IRP to September 1, 2021; required supplemental filing by December 2020; required completion of a competitive-bidding process for 30 MW or more installed solar

capacity by June 2020.

**4. ** E015/GR-19-442; Minnesota Power
E015/MR-19-443**

In the Matter of the Application by Minnesota Power for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in Minnesota;

In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Power for Approval of a New Base Cost of Fuel and Purchased Energy.

1. Should this filing be accepted? If so, should the proposed rates be suspended, this matter referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings for contested case proceedings and interim rates set as requested by the Company?
2. What action, if any, should the Commission take on Minnesota Power's Base Cost of Energy letter filed on November 4, 2019? (PUC: **Bartusch, Bonnett, Bender, Ubani, Manning, O'Grady, Hetherington, McShane, Bruce**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

**Accepted filing; suspended proposed rates; referred matter to OAH;
authorized interim rates with modifications; required additional filings.**

**5. ** G008/AI-19-292 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.

Should the Commission approve CenterPoint Energy's contract with Minnesota Limited as an Affiliated Interest Agreement? PUC: (**Hetherington, Alonso**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

**Approved 2019 MBLSE Replacement Project construction contract ;
required informational filing in both affiliated interest docket and CPE
rate case docket.**

**6. ** G008/GR-19-524 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.

Should this filing be accepted? If so, should the proposed rates be suspended, this matter referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings, and interim rates set as requested by the Company? (PUC: **Alonso, Bonnett, Krishnan, Schwieger, Hetherington, Bahn, Bruce**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Accepted filing; suspended proposed rates; referred matter to OAH; authorized interim rates.

- 7. ** G008/MR-19-525 CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a
CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas**

In the Matter of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corporation's Filing to Establish a New Base Gas Cost Filing (PGA Zero-Out) for Interim Rates in CenterPoint Energy's General Rate Filing, Docket No. G-008/GR-19-524.

Should the Commission approve CenterPoint Energy's proposed new base cost of gas? (PUC: **Alonso, Hetherington**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Approved base cost of gas as filed; required filing of updated information.

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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