



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

Friday, January 3, 2020

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. * E145,304/SA-19-698 MiEnergy;
City of St. Charles, Minnesota

In the Matter of The Joint Request of MiEnergy and the City of St. Charles, Minnesota for Approval to Update Electric Service Territory Boundaries. (PUC: Terwilliger; DOC: Lusti)

Attachments: [DOC Corrected Comments 12-27-19](#)

Approved; requested MnGeo to update Commission maps

2. * IP6997/CN-18-699; Plum Creek Wind Farm, LLC
IP6997/WS-18-700;
IP6997/TL-18-701

In the Matter of the Applications of Plum Creek Wind Farm, LLC for a Certificate of Need, Site Permit, and Route Permit for an up to 414 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System and 345 kV Transmission Line in Cottonwood, Murray, and Redwood Counties, Minnesota.

1. Whether the certificate of need, site permit, and route permit applications are substantially complete.
2. Whether the certificate of need application should be evaluated using the Commission's informal process or referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for contested case proceedings.
3. Whether the site permit application should be referred to the OAH for contested case proceedings.
4. Whether an environmental impact statement (EIS) should be prepared instead of the environmental report (ER) required under the certificate of need process.
5. Whether the certificate of need, site permit, and route permit applications should be processed jointly, i.e., joint public information meetings, joint environmental review, and referred to OAH for joint contested case proceedings.
6. Whether an advisory task force should be appointed for the route permit application.
7. Whether the time limits of certain rules related to the processing of the applications should be varied. (PUC: Ek)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Accepted certificate of need, site permit, and route permit; approved public meetings, hearing and combined environmental review; referred to OAH for contested case proceedings; established procedural and administrative guidance; varied rules

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