

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

Thursday, February 6, 2020

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. * E017/M-19-765 Otter Tail Power Company

In the Matter of the Miscellaneous Filing of RECs Rates Annual update for Cogeneration and Small Power Production Rates for Otter Tail Power Company.

Should the Commission approve Otter Tail Power Company's request for approval of its annual Renewable Energy Credit (REC) and Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) values, tariff administration changes, and filing changes? (PUC: **Martone**)

Attachments: Briefing Papers

Approved the modifications; required OTP to file future REC and SREC related rate changes in separate misc. dockets.

* E002/M-19-268 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of a Wind Energy Purchase Agreement with Invenergy Wind Energy Development, LLC.

Should the Commission approve Xcel's petition to purchase a 100 MW portion of Deuel Harvest Wind? If so, should the Commission impose any conditions upon approving the petition? (PUC: **Stalpes**)

Attachments: Briefing Papers

Approved PPA as a Renewable*Connect Program energy source; authorized recovery of purchased energy costs; and directed filing of compliance filing on July 1, 2020 and 2021.

3. * G008/M-19-687 CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas

In the Matter of CenterPoint Energy's Notification of Filing of Internal Revenue Service Form 3115, Application for Change in Accounting.

Should the Commission accept CenterPoint Energy's Report and the Department's Commitment to review income tax expense in CenterPoint Energy's pending rate case? (PUC: **Bender**)

Attachments: Briefing Papers

Accepted informational filing.

4. * G008/M-19-278 CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas

In the Matter of CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas' Request for Change in Demand Units. (PUC: Bender; DOC: Heinen)

Attachments: PUBLIC DOC Comments 12-24-19

CPE Reply Comments 1-8-20

Accepted level of demand entitlement; allowed recovery of associated demand costs from PGA effective May 1, 2019 and November 1, 2019.

- * E002/GR-12-961 Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in the State of Minnesota.
 - Should the Commission accept Northern States Power's (Xcel's) Business Incentive and Sustainability (BIS) Rider Annual Report for 2019?
 - What action should the Commission take regarding Xcel's proposed clarification of the BIS tariff submitted in Xcel's initial application for a multi-year rate plan, Docket No. E-002/GR-19-564? (PUC: Krishnan)

Attachments: Briefing Papers

12-961 BP BIS Compliance Addendum

Accepted report and required filings.

6. * G002/M-19-703 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of an Extension of Rule Variances to Recover the Costs of Financial Instruments through the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause. (PUC: Bender, Ubani; DOC: Kundert)

Attachments: PUBLIC DOC Comments 1-13-20

DOC Correction to Comments 1-14-20

Xcel Reply Comments 1-23-20

Extended variance, authorized hedging, and required filings.

7. * E229/TL-18-755 Detroit Lakes Public Utilities

In the Matter of the Application of Detroit Lakes Public Utilities for a High-Voltage Transmission Line Route Permit in Becker County, MN.

What action should the Commission take regarding route alternatives to be evaluated in the environmental assessment? (PUC: **Kaluzniak**)

Attachments: Briefing Papers

Took no action.

8. ** E002/WS-17-410 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy
In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company for a Site Permit for the 84 MW Freeborn Wind Farm in Freeborn County, Minnesota.

- 1. What action should the Commission take on the January 1, 2020 petition from the Association of Freeborn County Landowners requesting preparation of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the Freeborn Wind Project, an 84 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Freeborn County?
- 2. If the Commission grants the EAW petition, what processes and procedures should be adopted? (PUC: **Kaluzniak**)

Attachments: Briefing Papers

Denied petition for EIS; authorized Record of Decision.

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