



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

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INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **G011/M-20-563** **Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation**
In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Approval of Proposed Modifications of Tariffs in Section 9, Extension of Natural Gas Service.

Should the Commission approve modifications to Section 9, Extension of Natural Gas Service, of MERC's Tariff and Rate Book? (PUC: **Larson**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Approved proposal.

2. * **E017/PA-19-533** **Otter Tail Power Company**
In the Matter of the Petition of Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of a Transfer of Property.

Should the Commission approve Otter Tail's request to acquire from Central Power Electric Cooperative (CPEC) of certain substation facilities and substation-related assets located at the Bottineau Substation (Bottineau County, ND); Wahpeton Substation (Richland County, ND); Rugby Substation (Pierce County, ND); and an approximately 4-mile-long CPEC-owned 69 kV line segment from what is otherwise Otter Tail's 69 kV Rolette Line (Rolette County, ND)? (PUC: Alonso, Ubani; DOC: Johnson)

Attachments: [DOC Comments 6-12-20](#)
 [OTP Reply Comments 6-18-20](#)

Approved petition.

3. * **E111/GR-19-478;** **Dakota Electric Association**
 E111/M-20-613
In the Matter of the Application of Dakota Electric Association for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in Minnesota;
In the Matter of the Petition of Dakota Electric Association to implement a new Resource and Tax Adjustment at the same time new, final rates are implemented in the general rate case, in Docket No. E-111/GR-19-478.

1. Should the Commission approve Dakota Electric's compliance filing and request to implement new, final rates effective October 1, 2020?
2. Should the Commission approve DEA's request to implement new Resource and Tax Adjustment amounts that reflect the base components approved by the Commission, consistent with the calculations included in the general rate case compliance filing? (PUC: Bonnett, Ubani; DOC: Johnson)

Attachments: [DOC Comments 8-20-20](#)

Approved filings.

4. * **IP7039/CN-20-646 Louise Solar Project, LLC**
In the Matter of the Application of Louise Solar Project, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the 50 MW Louise Solar Project in Mower County, Minnesota.

Should the Commission grant Louise Solar Project, LLC's request for exemptions from certain certificate of need filing requirement? (PUC: **Panait**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Granted exemptions.

5. * **P999/PR-20-8 Local Exchange Carriers;
Eligible Telecommunications Carriers**
In the Matter of Annual Certification Related to Eligible Telecommunications Carriers' (ETCs) Use of the Federal Universal Service Support Required Pursuant to C.F.R. 54.313.
 1. Are the locations listed by companies receiving funds that rely on specific location deployment sufficiently accurate?
 2. Should the Commission certify the Companies whose SACs are registered in a state other than Minnesota, but who have customers within Minnesota?
 3. Does the Commission have sufficient documentation through the filed FCC form 481 to be assured that the high cost funds received by each ETCs have been, and will be, used for their intended purpose, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314? (PUC: **Fournier**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)
[Decision Options](#)

Certified ETCs, required compliance filings, referred issues to other docket.

6. ** **E002/M-20-421 Advanced Energy Management Alliance (AEMA)**
In the Matter of AEMA's Petition Requesting a Miscellaneous Docket to Direct Xcel

Energy to Implement 400 Megawatts of Demand Response by 2023.

1. Should the Commission initiate a process that would require Xcel Energy to file a demand response tariff, or tariff revisions, to comply with the Commission's January 11, 2017 Order in Docket No. 15-21 (Xcel Energy's 2015 Integrated Resource Plan)?
2. Should the Commission require Xcel Energy to make periodic compliance filings to demonstrate it is on track to acquire 400 megawatts of incremental demand response by 2023? (PUC: **Stalpes**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

Dedicated docket to monitor compliance toward demand response requirement; required compliance filing and annual reports.

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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