

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

Thursday, June 10, 2021

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INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. * E111/M-21-46 Dakota Electric Association

In the Matter of the Petition by Dakota Electric Association (Dakota Electric or DEA) for Approval of its 2021 Annual Resource and Tax Adjustment (RTA) and its 2020 Annual Power Cost Report

- Should the Commission approve Dakota Electric's 2020 Annual Power Cost Report?
- Should the Commission approve Dakota Electric's proposed 2021 RTA rates? (PUC: Ubani)

Attachments: Briefing Papers

Approved filing and adjustment factors.

2. * E111/M-20-789 Dakota Electric Association

In the Matter of the Petition by Dakota Electric Association (Dakota Electric or Cooperative) Requesting a Variance to Minn. Rule 7825.2820 which Requires the Filing of an Annual Audit Report on Dakota Electric's Annual Automatic Adjustment Reports.

Should the Commission approve Dakota Electric's request for a variance to the Rule requiring an Annual Auditor's Report for its Annual Automatic Adjustment Report after January 2021? (PUC: **Ubani**)

Attachments: Briefing Papers

Granted variance.

3. * IP7042/PPL-20-872 Petroleum Fuels Company

In the Matter of the Application of Petroleum Fuels Company for a Gas Pipeline Routing Permit for the Pine Bend Pipeline Project in Dakota County.

Should the Commission grant a partial exemption from the pipeline route selection procedures and issue a pipeline route permit for the 5,600-feet long, 4.5-inch diameter high pressure gas pipeline in Inver Grove Heights, Dakota County, along the route identified in Petroleum Fuels Company's December 30, 2020 Application for a Gas

Pipeline Route Permit? (PUC: Panait)

Attachments: Briefing Papers

Revised Decision Options

Granted partial exemption and adopted findings of fact.

4. * IP6557/WS-06-91 FPL Energy Mower County Wind, LLC;
Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Request to Transfer the Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) Site Permit for the 98.9 MW Mower County Wind Farm in Mower County, Minnesota.

Should the Commission authorize the Transfer of the Site Permit for the Mower County Wind Facility Repower Project? (PUC: **Panait**)

Attachments: Briefing Papers

Approved transfer of site permit and required decommissioning plan.

- * IP7046/WS-20-860 Northern Wind Energy Redevelopment, LLC
 In the Matter of the Application for a Site Permit Amendment to Decommission the
 Existing Chanarambie and Viking Wind Facilities and Construct the 120-Megawatt
 Northern Wind Facility in Murray County, Minnesota.
 - 1. Whether the site permit application is substantially complete.
 - 2. Whether the proposed project should be reviewed under the full site permit review process or under the site permit amendment process.
 - 3. Whether the site permit application should be referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings for contested case proceeding.
 - 4. Whether the time limits of certain rules related to the processing of the applications should be varied. (PUC: **Ek**)

Attachments: Briefing Papers

Accepted application as complete, required public hearing, and set additional requirements.

- 6. ** E002/M-20-620 Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Wind Repower Portfolio.
 - 1. Should the Commission approve Xcel Energy's request to repower and acquire the Northern Wind project?
 - 2. Should the Commission approve Xcel Energy's request for a variance of the requirements of Minn. R. 7825.1800, subp. B.
 - 3. Should the Commission clarify that the same Order Points from the January 22,

2021 wind repowering order also apply to the Northern Wind project? (PUC: **Stalpes**)

Attachments: Briefing Papers

Approved petition, granted variance, and set additional requirements.

7. ** E002/M-12-1278 Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy
In the Matter of Renewable Development Fund Cycle 4 Request for Approval of an
Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Grant Contract for an Energy
Production Project (EP4-15).

Should the Commission approve Xcel Energy's request to modify the First Amended and Restated Grant Contract for an Energy Production Project (EP4-15)? (PUC: **Martone**)

Attachments: Briefing Papers

Approved amendment and set additional requirements.

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