



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

Thursday, October 28, 2021

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INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. **PULLED**

** ~~P421/C-20-432~~

~~Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC
("CenturyLink")~~

In the Matter of Formal Complaint Regarding the Services Provided by the Qwest Corporation, d/b/a CenturyLink in Minnesota, on Behalf of the Communications Workers of America.

How should the Commission Proceed in this Matter? (PUC: **Fournier**)

This item was pulled from the agenda.

2. ** ET2/TL-20-423

**Great River Energy;
Otter Tail Power Company**

In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy and Otter Tail Power Company for a Route Permit for the Frazee to Erie 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Becker and Otter Tail Counties.

1. Should the Commission adopt the administrative law judge's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation?
2. Should the Commission find that the environmental assessment and the record created at the public hearing adequately address the issues identified in the scoping decision?
3. Should the Commission require the use of an independent thirdparty monitor to assist DOC EERA and Commission staff in monitoring compliance of construction and restoration activities of the project?
4. Should the Commission issue a route permit identifying a specific route and permit conditions for the Frazee to Erie 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Becker and Otter Tail Counties? (PUC: **Bruce**)

Adopted the ALJ's report with modifications; found EA adequate; and issued route permit.

**3. ** IP7041/GS-20-763; Byron Solar, LLC
 IP7041/CN-20-764;
 IP7041/TL-20-765**

In the Matter of the Application of Byron Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Need, Site Permit and Route Permit for the up to 200 MW Byron Solar Project and 345 kV Transmission Line in Olmsted and Dodge Counties, Minnesota.

1. Should the Commission accept the certificate of need application as substantially complete and authorize review using the Commission's informal process or refer the matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings for contested case proceedings?
2. Should the Commission accept the site permit application as substantially complete and authorize review under the alternative permitting process?
3. Should the Commission direct that the certificate of need and site permit applications be processed jointly (i.e. joint public information meetings, joint public hearings, and an environmental assessment in lieu of an environmental report)?
4. Should the Commission appoint an advisory task force for the siting of the proposed solar energy generating system?
5. What actions should the Commission take concerning the public hearing process and procedures?
6. Should the Commission vary the time limits of certain rules related to the processing of the application? (PUC: **Kaluzniak**)

Accepted applications as complete; established joint review procedures; authorized advisory task force; granted rule variances; set additional requirements.

ADJOURNMENT

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