

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions

Thursday, January 6, 2022

10:00 AM

Online via Webex

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. * G004/M-21-305 Great Plains Natural Gas Company

In the Matter of Great Plains Natural Gas Company's 2020 Conservation Improvement Program Tracker and Shared Savings Demand Side Management Incentive. (PUC: Rosier; DOC: Zajicek)

Approved filing.

2. ** IP6946/WS-17-410 Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy
In the Matter of the Application of Freeborn Wind Energy, LLC for a Large Wind Energy
Conversion System Site Permit for the 84 MW Freeborn Wind Farm in Freeborn
County.

What action(s) should the Commission take in response to Sue Madson's November 9, 2021 Notice of Motion and Motion for Order to Show Cause and Hearing, and the Association of Freeborn County Landowner's November 30, 2021 Motion for Order to Show Cause? (PUC: **Kaluzniak**)

Denied motion, required filing of noise monitoring study.

3. ** ET2/TL-21-434 Great River Energy; Nexus Line, LLC

In the Matter of the Petition to Transfer a Portion of the Route Permit for the HVDC Transmission Line System and Associated Facilities in Minnesota.

- Should the Commission authorize a transfer of the route permit to Nexus Line, LLC pursuant to Minn. R. 7850.5000?
- 2. Has the permittee provided the name and description of the entity to whom the permit is to be transferred, the reasons for the transfer, a description of the facilities affected, and the requested date of the transfer?
- 3. Is there sufficient information in the record to determine that the new permittee can comply with the terms and conditions of the permit? (PUC: **Bruce**)

Approved partial permit transfer.

The following item will not be heard before 11:00 AM

4. ** E002/M-21-101; Xcel Energy E002/M-17-401

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Petition for Load Flexibility Pilot Programs and Financial Incentive:

In the Matter of Commission Investigation to Identify Performance Metrics, and Potentially, Incentives for Xcel Energy's Electric Utility Operation.

Should the Commission Approve Xcel Energy's petition for Load Flexibility Pilot Programs and Financial Incentive? (PUC: **Bahn, Terwilliger, Stalpes**)

Approved PFCR, CTS, and EV Optimization pilots with modifications; denied HVAC Optimization pilot without prejudice; approved research and development budget; approved modified demonstration projects; rejected incentive mechanism; approved limited deferred accounting; set reporting and other 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