



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

PUC Agenda Meeting

Thursday, August 18, 2022

10:00 AM

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. [Details 2022-145](#)

- * **G008/GR-21-435;** **CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a**
G008/MR-21-436 **CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas**

In the Matter of the Application by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota;

In the Matter of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corporation's Filing to Establish a New Base Gas Cost Filing (PGA Zero-Out) for Interim Rates in CenterPoint Energy's General Rate Filing, Docket No. G-008/GR-21-435.

Should the Commission accept the Offer of Settlement and adopt the Administrative Law Judge's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation to Approve the Settlement? (PUC: **Bonnett, Alonso, Gustafson, Willette**)

Attachments: [Briefing Papers](#)

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

2. [Details 2022-142](#)

- * **IP-7013/CN-19-408;** **Big Bend Wind, LLC;**
IP-7013/WS-19-619;
IP-7013/TL-19-621;
IP-7014/CN-19-486; **Red Rock Solar, LLC**
IP-7014/GS-19-620

In the Matter of the Application of Big Bend Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need, a Site Permit for the up to 300 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System and a Route Permit for the 161 kV Transmission Line in Cottonwood, Martin, and Watonwan Counties, Minnesota;

In the Matter of of the Application of Red Rock Solar, LLC, for a Certificate of Need and a Site Permit for the up to 60 MW Red Rock Solar Project in Cottonwood County, Minnesota.

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 grant a certificate of need for the up to 300 MW Big Bend Wind Project proposed in Cottonwood and Watonwan Counties, Minnesota?
4. Should the Commission grant a site permit for the up to 300 MW Big Bend Wind Project proposed in Cottonwood and Watonwan Counties, Minnesota?
5. Should the Commission issue a route permit for the 161 kV transmission line associated with both Big Bend Wind and Red Rock Solar Projects proposed in Cottonwood, Watonwan, and Martin Counties, Minnesota? (PUC: **Panait**)

Attachments:[Briefing Papers](#)[Briefing Paper Attachments A, B, C](#)[Decision Options-Commissioner Tuma](#)**3. [Details 2021-135](#)**

**** E002/GS-21-191;
E002/TL-21-190;
E002/TL-21-189**

Xcel Energy

In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy for a Site Permit and Two Route Permits for the up to 460 Megawatt Sherco Solar Energy Generating System and Associated 345 Kilovolt Transmission Lines in Sherburne County, Minnesota.

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 issue a site permit for the Sherco 460-megawatt solar energy generating system?
4. Should the Commission issue a route permit for the 1.7-mile 345 kilovolt transmission line associated with the eastern portion of the solar facility?
5. Should the Commission issue a route permit for the 3.2-mile 345 kilovolt transmission line associated with the western portion of the solar facility? (PUC: **Ek**)

Attachments:[Briefing Papers - Final Permit Decisions](#)[Briefing Papers Att A - Proposed Site Permit 21-191](#)[Briefing Papers Att B - Proposed Route Permit 21-190](#)[Briefing Papers Att C - Proposed Route Permit 21-189](#)

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