



The Commission met on **Thursday, October 13, 2022**, with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Means, Schuerger, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

P-999/PR-22-8

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.

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

1. Recertify all companies as indicated in Tables 1, 2, and 4 of Attachment A of the staff briefing papers.
2. Provide USAC with a list of carriers (including their SACs) that should be removed from future Minnesota High-Cost annual certification lists so that USAC can look into them further as provided in Table 5 of Attachment A of the staff briefing papers.
3. Require CAF II and RDOF funding recipients to submit Performance Measure (PM) Testing results with all future 481 filings
4. Continue requiring quarterly updates on Tribal Engagement Practices. Quarterly updates for January, April, July, and October shall be submitted under the docket number for the current year. For example, filings for January of 2023 shall be filed under 23-8.
5. Adopt the Best Practices Recommendations for Tribal Engagement, as presented in Attachment 1 of the Department's September 29, 2022, Report.
6. Order that each annual filing, beginning with 23-8, include a narrative of how the ETC comports with the Best Practices Recommendations for Tribal Engagement.

The motion passed 4–0.

P-405/AM-22-50

P-407/AM-22-51

In the Matter of Frontier Communications of Minnesota, Inc. and Citizens

Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC proposal to increase their Convenience Fee

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

Within 30 days of the Commission's order in this matter, require Frontier to demonstrate in a compliance filing that the increase in the Convenience Fee to \$10 is reasonable and in compliance with Minnesota law and rules of the Public Utilities Commission. Within 30 days of this filing the Department must notify the Executive Secretary if it desires to continue its objections to the Convenience Fee increase. Delegate to the Executive Secretary authority to vary time periods, establish schedules, and issue notices for additional comments in these dockets as necessary.

The motion passed 4–0.

IP-7057/PPL-21-266

In the Matter of the Application of BP Midwest Product Pipelines Holdings, LLC for a Pipeline Route Permit for the Rochester Airport Pipeline Relocation Project in Olmstead County

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

1. Grant a partial exemption from the pipeline route selection procedures; adopt the proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations; and issue a pipeline route permit as proposed by staff, adding the words "and associated" facilities in Section 1.1, removing Section 2.1 Class Location from the permit, and amending Section 3.5 to delete "49 C.F.R. 192.327" and replace it with "49 C.F.R. Part 195."
2. Authorize Commission staff to make further refinements to the findings of fact and route permit conditions as necessary to ensure consistency with the record, the language of recently issued permits, and the Commission's decision on this matter.

The motion passed 4–0.

G-008/M-21-377

In the Matter of a Petition by CenterPoint Energy and the City of Minneapolis to Introduce a Tariffed On-Bill Financing Pilot Program

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission:

1. Deny the request of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas (CenterPoint) for a Tariffed On-Bill Pilot Program without prejudice.
2. Find that this Tariffed On-Bill Pilot Program is not in the public interest.

3. Accept the offer of the Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources, to work with CenterPoint, the City of Minneapolis, and other interested parties to address community conservation needs outlined in the petition, either through the establishment of a new Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) program or through the redesign of existing program(s). CenterPoint shall work with interested parties to develop and file, no later than June 1, 2023, CIP offerings which address the gaps identified in this record by targeting and better serving low- and moderate-income homeowners and renters.

The motion passed 4–0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: October 26, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Seuffert", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary