

The Commission met on **Thursday, December 1, 2022**, with Acting Chair Tuma and Commissioners Means and Schuerger present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

E-002/AA-22-179

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of its 2023 Annual Fuel Forecast and Monthly Fuel Cost Charges

Commissioner Means moved that the Commission:

1. Authorize Xcel Energy to implement its 2023 FCA forecast, based on initially forecasted sales of 26,971,930 MWh and forecasted fuel costs of \$985,330,000, MN Jurisdictional.
2. Authorize Xcel Energy to implement its 2023 FCA forecast, based on revised forecasted sales of 27,443,347 MWh and revised forecasted costs of 1,069,246,000, MN Jurisdictional.
3. Require Xcel to submit a compliance filing with revised tariff sheets and supporting calculations within 10 days of the order for implementation effective January 1, 2023.

The motion passed 3–0.

E-015/AA-22-216

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of Annual Forecasted Rates for its Rider for Fuel and Purchased Energy Charge

Commissioner Means moved that the Commission:

1. Authorize Minnesota Power to implement its Revised 2023 FCA forecast, based on forecasted sales of 8,815,400 kWh and forecasted fuel costs of \$294,446,791.
2. Require Minnesota Power to make a compliance filing with redlined and clean versions of the Fuel and Purchased Energy Rider Tariff sheet with supporting calculations, within 10 days of the date of this for implementation effective January 1, 2023.
3. Delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to approve the contents of any subsequent customer notice and rate schedule in this proceeding.

4. Order Minnesota Power to file a revised 2023 forecast that incorporates 2023/2024 MISO Planning Resource Auction credit/revenue, if applicable, once results are known, and incorporate them into rates the first of the month following the revised 2023 forecast filing, waving the 30-day notice under a significant event filing.

The motion passed 3–0.

E-017/AA-22-214

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company’s Petition for Approval of the Annual Forecasted Rates for its Energy Adjustment Rider, Rate Schedule Section 13.01

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission:

1. Require Otter Tail to reduce its 2023 Fuel Cost Adjustment forecast fuel costs by \$3.89 million to reflect credits for Planning Resource Auction Revenues, to \$146,968,503 for a cost per megawatt-hour of \$26.188.
2. Require Otter Tail to file a revised 2023 forecast that incorporates 2023/2024 MISO Planning Resource Auction costs and revenues, if applicable, once results are known and incorporate them into rates the first of the month following the revised 2023 forecast filing, waving the 30-day notice under a significant event filing.
3. Require Otter Tail to file revised Customer Notice and Rate Schedule Section 13.01 reflecting the decisions in the order as a compliance filing within 10 days of the order. The Commission delegates authority to the Executive Secretary to approve the contents of any subsequent customer notice and rate schedule in this proceeding

The motion passed 3–0.

E-002/M-18-643

In the Matter of Xcel Energy’s Petition for Approval of Electric Vehicle Pilot Programs

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission:

1. Extend the enrollment period for the Fleet EV Service Pilot Program until January 31, 2024, and extend the term for pilot operations until all pilot customers have completed installation of charging equipment.
2. Extend the enrollment period for the Public Charging Pilot Program until May 31, 2024, and extend the term for pilot operations until all pilot customers have completed installation of charging equipment.
3. Allow Xcel Energy to reallocate some of the remaining Fleet EV Service Pilot Program’s budget to the Public Charging Infrastructure Pilot Program, but require the Company to

reserve enough of the remaining Fleet EV Service Pilot Program budget to provide funding for all site applications in process as of the date of the order.

The motion passed 3–0.

G-008/M-22-237

In the Matter of CenterPoint Energy’s Paperless Billing Customer Initiative

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

1. Approve CenterPoint’s Paperless Billing Customer Initiative with additional ratepayer protections.
2. Require the Company to add a checkbox on the top banner of the “my account” home screen referring customers to the opt out process.
3. Require the Company to file reports on the paperless billing initiative monitoring process as part of the Company’s annual service quality report and beginning 30 days after the implementation of Phase 1 commences, with a final report to be filed 30 days after the implementation of Phase 2 is complete. The reports shall include the following information:
 - a. Complaints received.
 - b. Number of opt outs.
 - c. Number of customers who state they were enrolled without their knowledge.
 - d. Other customer objections or comments regarding this initiative.
 - e. What percent of auto-enrolled customers fell in arrears within 90 days of enrollment and how that compares to the arrearage percentage for all customers.
 - f. How much money the paperless billing initiative has saved.
4. Require the Company to provide thorough staff training on assisting Minnesota customers with the transition to paperless billing and the opt-out process.
5. Require the Company to ensure compliance with Minn. R. 7820.3500 Billing Content.

6. Require the Company to notify the Commission's Consumer Affairs Office 30 days prior to beginning the opt-out process.

The motion passed 3–0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: March 8, 2023

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

Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary