

The Commission met on **Thursday, May 19, 2016**, with Chair Heydinger, and Commissioners Lange, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

P-999/PR-16-5

In the Matter of Telecommunications Access Minnesota Annual 2015 Report

P-999/M-16-227

In the Matter of Telecommunications Access Minnesota Fiscal Year 2017 Proposed Budget and Surcharge Recommendations

Commissioner Tuma moved to take the following actions:

1. Accept TAM's 2015 Annual Report;
2. Accept TAM's FY 2017 proposed budget; and
3. Approve the proposed decrease of the TAM surcharge from \$0.07 to \$0.05, effective on, or billing cycle after, August 1, 2016.

The motion passed 3-0.

ENERGY AGENDA

G-011/M-16-221

In the Matter of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Approval of a New Area Surcharge for the Fayal Township – Long Lake Project

Commissioner Tuma moved to take the following actions:

1. Approved MERC's Fayal Township NAS project;
2. Approved MERC's residential and small commercial and industrial class factors and authorized MERC to publish those factors in its NAS tariff;
3. Required MERC to re-file a Fayal Township NAS factor proposal for any other customer class that develops in this area in the future;
4. Approved annual NAS project reporting requirements on March 1 of each year and required MERC to report on all of its NAS rider projects in one document and file in each of the appropriate dockets;

Reporting requirements include:

- Number of customers divided by class used to calculate surcharge;
 - The actual surcharge and retail revenue received to date and the projected surcharge revenue for the remaining term of the surcharge, and the actual capital costs and projected remaining capital costs for the project;
5. Required MERC to disclose to potential customers the following at a minimum:
- The monthly surcharge rate and that the rate is in addition to the regular bill for gas service.
 - Provide a pro forma gas bill for the month of January based on average customer use for that month in that area of Minnesota and also include the surcharge as a separate line item;
 - The annual cost of the surcharge; and
 - A statement that the surcharge is expected to be charged for the Commission authorized recovery term and what the total cost of the surcharge would be for that time period; and
6. Required MERC to submit a compliance filing within 10 days of the Commission order in this matter that revises MERC's NAS tariff sheets and NAS customer notice to reflect the Commission's decisions on which customer classes NAS factors are to be published in MERC's tariff book.

The motion passed 3-0.

ET-2, E-015/TL-14-797

In the Matter of the Application by Great River Energy and Minnesota Power for a Route Permit for the Menahga 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Hubbard, Wadena, and Becker Counties

Commissioner Tuma moved to authorize the minor alternation request without conditions.

The motion passed 3-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: June 29, 2016



Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary