

The Commission met on **Thursday, August 11, 2016**, with Chair Heydinger and Commissioners Lange, Lipschultz, Schuerger and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

ENERGY AGENDA

ET-6675/TL-12-1377

In the Matter of the Application of ITC Midwest LLC for a Route Permit for the Minnesota-Iowa 345 kV Transmission Line Project in Jackson, Martin, and Faribault Counties

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission authorize the minor alteration request conditioned upon ITC Midwest coordinating with the Minnesota Department of Transportation on permit requirements for the transmission facility crossing of U.S. Highway 169.

The motion passed 5-0.

G-008/PA-16-255

In the Matter of CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas' Proposal to Sell Equipment from its Coon Rapids Peaking Plant

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission approve the sale of the equipment from its Coon Rapids Peaking Plant and require CenterPoint Energy to file its accounting entries for the equipment, including the entries relating to deferred income tax on the equipment, within 60 days of the close of the transaction.

The motion passed 5-0.

G-007,011/GR-10-977

In the Matter of the Application by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Authority to Increase Rates for Natural Gas Service in Minnesota

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission:

1. Accept MERC's revenue decoupling evaluation report for 2015.
2. Accept MERC's revenue decoupling adjustment calculations and approve their implementation effective March 1, 2016.
3. Require MERC to include future reconciliation adjustment calculations in its decoupling annual report initial filing.

4. Require MERC to file, no later than May 1, 2017, an Excel file that revises the December 2015 data for the SV Transport, LV Transport & Super LV Interruptible & Joint Customer Classes. The December 2015 revision must include all amounts that were impacted by MERC's deferred billings, including the calculation of the hypothetical decoupling results.

The motion passed 5-0.

E-999/PR-16-09

In the Matter of Cogeneration and Small Power Production Filings

E-121/CG-16-240

In the Matter of a Request of Dispute Resolution by Keith Weber, the Qualifying Facility, with Meeker Cooperative Light and Power Association under the Cogeneration and Small Power Production Statute, Minn. Stat. § 216B.164

E-123/CG-16-241

In the Matter of a Complaint of Larry Fagen against Minnesota Valley Cooperative Light and Power Association

E-999/CI-16-512

In the Matter of the Order Opening Investigation, Delegating Authority, and Finding that Tariffs Must Be Approved Before Becoming Effective

Commissioner Lange moved that the Commission deny Minnesota Rural Electric Association's Petition for Clarification of the Commission's June 27, 2016 Order.

The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Lange moved that the Commission deny Novel Energy Solutions' Petition for clarification of the Commission's June 27, 2016 Order.

The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Lange moved that the Commission deny Minnesota Solar Energy Industries Associations' petition for clarification of the Commission's June 27, 2106 Order.

The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission, on its own motion and pursuant to Minn. R. 7829.3200, vary Minn. R. 7835.0300 for the limited purpose of allowing cooperative electric associations to assess and collect fees under Minn. Stat. § 216B.164, subd. 3, during the course of the pending investigation, subject to the Commission's final determination regarding: whether the fees and their collection comply with applicable law and any appropriate remedies.

The motion passed 5-0.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

P-6850/M-15-833

In the Matter of WiMacTel., Inc. d/b/a Intellicall Operator Services Revised Tariff

Chair Heydinger moved to take the following actions:

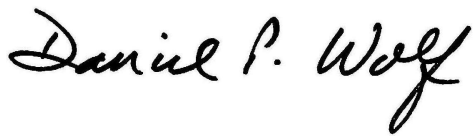
1. Find that WiMacTel's practices with respect to rate disclosure, billing, pay phone signage, and tariffs are unclear, misleading, not disclosed properly to consumers, and are not in the public interest;
2. Reject WiMacTel's petition to increase its rates, and to introduce new rate plans;
3. WiMacTel shall file with the Commission revisions to its billing format to itemize all applicable charges and provide descriptions of billed charges such that customers can accurately assess that the services for which they are billed correspond to those that they have requested and received, and that the costs assessed for those services conform to their understanding of the price charged;
4. Require WiMacTel to update its tariff and each pay phone site posting, and its billing format to reflect clearly the rates, including surcharges, if any, at each such pay phone site, that Minnesota customers will be charged. WiMacTel shall provide evidence to the Commission through a filing of its updated tariff and pay phone site postings, that all postings are updated, that all actions have been taken, and comply with the law;
5. Require WiMacTel to amend its rate structure to incorporate all "other surcharges" into either its per minute or a single flat rate. Require that WiMacTel disclose the flat, upfront charge, along with the per-minute rate to consumers via its payphone signage and upon a request from a consumer for a verbal rate quote. Evidence of such changes shall be filed with the Commission;
6. WiMacTel shall file with the Commission an explanation of 1) how it notifies the airport and its other Minnesota contracting parties of increases to surcharges and fees and 2) whether the revenue from the surcharges and fees is included in calculation of the commission that WiMacTel shares with the airport or its other Minnesota contracting parties;
7. WiMacTel shall make any filings required by the Commission within 30 days of the Commission's Order in this docket;
8. WiMacTel shall send a copy of the Commission Order and the Department's Comments to each of WiMacTel's Minnesota contracting parties and provide evidence of having done so to the Commission;

9. WiMacTel shall file all training materials and detailed information about how it will train its operators to fully comply with 47 Code of Federal Regulations § 64.703.

The motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: November 2, 2016

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Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary