

The Commission met on **Tuesday, July 25, 2017**, with Chair Lange and Commissioners Lipschultz, Schuerger, Sieben, and Tuma present.

The following matter was taken up by the Commission:

ENERGY AGENDA

E-999/CI-14-643

In the Matter of the Further Investigation into Environmental and Socioeconomic Costs Under Minnesota Statutes Section 216B.2422, Subdivision 3

Commissioner Sieben moved to direct utilities to calculate the social cost of carbon (SCC) based on the recommendation of the Minnesota Department of Commerce and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, calculated to the year 2300 and incorporating a 2.5% discount rate, but not requiring calculation of the SCC calculated at the 95th percentile of probability with a 3.0% discount rate.

The motion failed 3–2; Chair Lange and Commissioners Lipschultz and Tuma voted no.

Commissioner Lipschultz moved to establish a range of values of the social cost of carbon dioxide, as follows:

- The low end of the range would reflect the global damage of the last (marginal) short ton emitted, calculated out to the year 2100, with a 5% discount rate.
- The high end of the range would reflect the global damage of the last (marginal) short ton emitted, calculated out to the year 2300, with a 3% discount rate.

Commissioner Sieben proposed to amend the motion to calculate both the low and high ranges out to the year 2300.

Commissioner Lipschultz declined the proposal.

The unamended motion passed 3–2; Commissioners Schuerger and Sieben voted no.

Chair Lange moved to decline to open an investigation into leakage issues identified by the Administrative Law Judge.

Commissioner Lipschultz proposed amending the motion to do the following:

- adopt the Administrative Law Judge’s Report and Recommendations with modifications to the extent the report is consistent with the Commission’s decisions, and

- decline to launch an investigation into leakage.

Chair Lange accepted the proposed amendment.
The amended motion passed 5–0.

Chair Lange moved to continue the current practice of instructing utilities filing resource plans to file at least one scenario reflecting no externality values.

The motion passed 5–0.

Commissioner Lipschultz moved to require utilities to make a compliance filing updating the values with interpolations for 2030, 2040, and 2050, to be filed within ten days.

The motion passed 5–0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: January 10, 2018

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Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary