

The Commission met on **Thursday, March 1, 2018** with Chair Lange and Commissioners Lipschultz, Schuerger, Sieben, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

E-999/AA-16-523

In the Matter of the Review of the 2015-2016 Annual Automatic Adjustment Reports for All Electric Utilities

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

1. Accept the utilities' fiscal-year 2016 annual automatic adjustment reports as filed, and subsequently amended, as being substantially complete under Minn. R. 7825.2390 to 7825.2920.
2. Accept the utilities' compliance filings required by previous Commission orders, as discussed in Section III, items A through M, of the Department's September 13, 2017 Public Review of the annual automatic adjustment reports.
3. Accept the utilities' MISO Day 1, MISO Day 2, and ancillary services market reporting.
4. Discontinue Xcel's Nuclear Fuel Sinking Fund reporting requirement established by Commission order dated July 14, 1981, in Docket No. E-002/M-81-306. The reporting requirement shall restart if Xcel becomes responsible for nuclear fuel interim storage and disposal expenses to the U.S. Department of Energy in the future.
5. Find that the Day-Ahead and Real-Time Ramp Capability Amounts are appropriate for recovery through the utilities' respective fuel clause adjustments.
6. Require Xcel to report the Day-Ahead and Real-Time Ramp Capability charges as separate line items in future annual automatic adjustments reports and not combine those charges with other MISO ancillary services market charges.
7. Accept as reasonable Minnesota Power's explanation regarding the two reported average cost of fuel differences.
8. Accept that Xcel has taken appropriate measures to avoid providing incorrect data and to identify and justify material adjustments.

The motion passed 5-0.

E-002/M-17-532

In the Matter of a Petition for Approval of an Amendment to the Hennepin Energy Resource Co. (HERC) Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission deny the petitions for reconsideration.

The motion passed 5-0.

E-002/M-13-867

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company, dba Xcel Energy, for Approval of Its Proposed Community Solar Garden Program

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Adopt the system-wide 2018 VOS rate, filed by Xcel on January 4, 2018, with the following changes:
 - A. Require Xcel to use the Commission-approved urban environmental cost values to calculate avoided environmental costs; and
 - B. Require Xcel to include the environmental cost values adopted by the Commission in Order Point 2 of its Order Updating Environmental Cost Values, Docket No. E-999/CI-14-643, issued January 3, 2018 (2018 Externalities Order) to calculate avoided environmental cost values for PM_{2.5}, NO_x and SO₂. The PM₁₀ value shall be excluded in this calculation for 2018.
2. Find that the 2017 VOS vintage year bill credit rate will remain in effect and apply to applications deemed complete in 2018 until the 2018 VOS rate becomes effective. Require Xcel to file revised tariff sheets reflecting this decision within 10 days of the Order in this matter;
3. Accept the Department's offer to convene a stakeholder process to review the calculation of locational avoided distribution costs in calculating the VOS rate and to submit a progress report and any recommendations for methodology changes by December 31, 2018. The requirement that Xcel use locational specific avoided costs in calculation of avoided distribution capacity is suspended pending Commission approval of recommendations by the Department;
4. Maintain the current October 1 filing date for Xcel's annual VOS update, except require Xcel to file its annual 2019 VOS update on September 1, 2018;
5. Require Xcel to revise its Section 9 tariffs to allow that in the event a VOS vintage year bill credit rate schedule is not approved for part or all of a given calendar year, the most

recently approved VOS vintage year bill credit rate schedule will apply until a new VOS vintage year bill credit rate becomes effective;

6. Find that the Commission's decisions in this matter do not prejudice or provide direction in other dockets for the use or application of the externality values adopted by the Commission in its 2018 Externalities Order; and
7. Where not otherwise specifically required, require Xcel, within 10 days of the Order in this matter, to submit compliance filings in this docket and updated tariff sheets to reflect the Commission's decisions.

The motion passed 5-0.

ET-6657/WS-08-573

In the Matter of the Site Permit Issued to the Wisconsin Power and Light Company for the Bent Tree Project in Freeborn County

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission:

1. Require WPL to show cause no later than April 30, 2018, why the Project site permit should not be suspended or revoked for noncompliance with the MPCA ambient noise standards contained in condition E.3 of the Project site permit.
2. Require WPL to continue to curtail Project turbines numbered 362, 132, and 397 as outlined in its filing dated February 8, 2018, until authorized by the Commission to terminate curtailment.
3. Request that by April 30, 2018, EERA review options for full Project site noise monitoring and file preliminary options with the Commission.
4. Request that by March 31, 2018, EERA evaluate the WPL interim curtailment provisions as outlined in WPL's filing dated February 8, 2018, and that EERA file with the Commission a compliance filing regarding whether the interim curtailment provisions are sufficient to ensure compliance with the MPCA ambient noise standards in light of the noise findings in the Phase 2 Report.
5. Require that WPL meet with EERA, David Langrud, and Bernie and Cheryl Hagen no later than April 30, 2018, to continue discussing the issues outlined in this order.

The motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: June 20, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel P. Wolf". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'D' and 'W'.

Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary