

The Commission met on **Thursday, January 17, 2019** with Commissioners Lipschultz, Schuerger, Sieben, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

E, G-999/CI-17-895

In the Matter of a Commission Investigation into the Effects on Electric and Natural Gas Utility Rates and Services of the 2017 Federal Tax Act

Commissioner Sieben moved to approve the petition of Great Plains Natural Gas Co. (Great Plains) for clarification and confirm that notwithstanding the reference in the Commission's Order Responding to Changes in Federal Tax Law (December 5, 2018) to protected and unprotected excess accumulated deferred income tax liability (ADIT) with respect to Great Plains, the company may continue to account for excess ADIT by categorizing excess ADIT as being either "plant-related" or "non-plant-related."

The motion passed 4–0.

E-999/CI-16-521

In the Matter of Updating Generic Standards for Utility Tariffs for Interconnection and Operation of Distributed Generation Facilities Under Minn. Stat. § 216B.1611

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission:

1. Authorize a notice and comment process to develop a written record for considering possible updates to Attachment 6.
2. Include the following issues in the scope of this process:
 - a. The consistency of Attachment 6 with existing statute and rules (e.g. Minn. Stat. §§ 216B.1611 and .164 and Minn. R. ch. 7835);
 - b. For facilities between 1 and 10 MW, guidance on ensuring adequate transparency of negotiated rates and availability or consideration of Attachment 6 credits;
 - c. Better alignment of avoided capacity costs with Integrated Resource Planning and other regulatory proceedings;
 - d. Guidance that recognizes technology, location and time-specific avoided-cost considerations.

Not included in the scope of this process is the establishment of fixed rates.

3. Within 90 days of the date of this order, require Xcel, Minnesota Power, Otter Tail Power, and Dakota Electric Association to file detailed descriptions of how they calculate their DG tariffed rates and negotiated DG rate offerings, including how they apply Attachment 6 in those calculations, for DG projects between 1 and 10 MW.
4. Delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to issue notices, set schedules, and designate comment periods to further develop the record for Commission consideration of updates to Attachment 6 as needed. The schedule is anticipated to be completed within 18 months of the date of this order.

The motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

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Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary