

The Commission met on **Thursday, February 7, 2019** with Vice Chair Lipschultz and Commissioners Sieben and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

E-001/RP-17-374

In the Matter of Interstate Power and Light Company's 2017 Integrated Resource Plan

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission:

1. Accept Interstate Power and Light's 2017-2037 Integrated Resource Plan.
2. Require IPL to file its next resource plan by February 1, 2026, if IPL renews its agreement under which IPL sells electric power to Southern Minnesota Energy Corporation.
3. Require IPL to file, by July 1, 2023, a load and capability report.
4. Vary Minn. R. 7843.0300, subp. 2, to extend the time by which IPL must file its next resource plan.

The motion passed 3-0.

Docket No. G-004/GP-16-685

In the Matter of the Application of Great Plains Natural Gas Company for a Pipeline Routing Permit for the Fergus Falls Pipeline Replacement Project in Otter Tail County

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

1. Accept the Great Plains Pipeline Construction Completion Certification on or after July 23, 2019, to allow for one growing season contingent on Great Plains 1) completing the fence post replacement in the Fergus Falls WMA and filing a letter with the Commission documenting DNR approval; and 2) filing with the Commission verification that releases have been obtained from all landowners by providing copies of the signed releases that sufficiently and clearly identify the landowner protections from the permit that are being released and a certification that the company has received no unresolved complaints as of July 23, 2019' and
2. Delegate administrative authority to the Executive Secretary to verify the conditions have been satisfied.

The motion passed 3-0.

IP-6903/WS-18-179

IN the Matter of Lake Benton Power Partners II, LLC for a Site Permit Amendment for the 100.2 MW Lake Benton Wind II Repowering Project and Associated PFacilities in Pipestone County

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission:

1. Adopt the Lake Benton II Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision, as modified by staff and with the changes necessary to make the report consistent with the final decisions the Commission makes with regard to the site permit, the decommissioning plan, and any other determinations;
2. Adopt the following permit condition language for section 6.1:

The Permittee shall file quarterly reports with the Commission within 45 days of the end of the quarter regarding construction workers that participated in the construction of the project. The Reports shall (a) detail the Permittee's efforts and the site contractor's efforts to hire Minnesota workers, and (b) provide an account of 1) the gross number of hours worked by or full-time equivalent workers who are Minnesota residents, as defined in Minn. Stat. 290.01, subd. 7; 2) the gross number of hours worked by or full-time equivalent workers who are residents of other states, but maintain a permanent residence within 150 miles of the project; and 3) the total gross hours worked or total full-time equivalent workers. Permittee shall work with its contractor to determine the suitable reporting metric. The Report may not include personally identifiable data;

3. Issue an amended Site Permit as proposed by EERA staff and further modified by Commission staff, incorporating the permit conditions as decided by the Commission; and
4. Authorize Commission staff to make further refinements to the findings of fact and permit conditions as necessary to ensure consistency with the record, the language of recently issued permits, and the Commission's decision on this matter.

The motion passed 3-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: September 4, 2019



Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary