

The Commission met on **Thursday, January 16, 2020** with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Means, Schuerger, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

**E-002/AI-19-622**

**In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of Affiliated Interest Purchase Power Agreements with Mankato Energy Center 1 and II**

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission:

1. Approve Xcel Energy's filing;
2. Require Xcel to take the following actions:
  - a) Notify the Commission as soon as able should an Event of Default or other Purchase Power Agreement contract breach occur;
  - b) Discuss all base- and/or test-year adjustments to account for the Company's anticipated corporate and XES cost allocations, by service or cost category, to these non-regulated MEC facilities and operations in any general rate case with base- or test-years involving a time span that lacks historical corporate support data of MEC LLC's operations under Xcel Energy, Inc. ownership; and
  - c) File, by April 15, an annual compliance report of corporate and XES cost amounts assigned and allocated to MEC Holdings and/or the MEC LLCs, by service/cost category.
3. Require Xcel Energy to submit a compliance filing by April 15, which includes:
  - a) A clear organization chart of the parent or holding company, showing all regulated entities and affiliates and a description of all services and products provided between the regulated entity and its affiliates;
  - b) A clear explanation of how Xcel Energy Inc.'s "merchant" or proprietary trading activity is organized within Xcel Energy's corporate structure and how that structure is designed to protect Xcel's Minnesota customers;
  - c) A clear explanation of whether and how this proposed ownership arrangement and the amended PPAs for MEC I and II allow Xcel Energy Inc. and its affiliates to use the MEC facility for "merchant" or proprietary trading purposes for the benefit of Xcel Energy Inc., in addition to providing power for Northern States Power Company; and

- d) A clear explanation of how costs and profits pass through Xcel's Fuel Clause Adjustment mechanism for Xcel's proprietary asset-based energy and financial trading activity.

The motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: February 12, 2020**

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**Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary**