

The Commission met on **Thursday, June 3, 2021** with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Means, Schuerger, and Sullivan present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

**G-011/M-20-420**

**In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC) for Approval of its Natural Gas Extension Project (NGEP) Rider True-up for 2019, Rider Revenue Deficiency for 2021, and Revised Surcharge Factors.**

Commissioner Sullivan moved that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Approve an ongoing NGEP Rider with modification.
2. Require MERC to true-up for 2018 revenues from base rates to account for offsetting revenues in the Rochester area.
3. Do not allow Rochester NGEP legal fees to be included in incremental Operations and Maintenance (O&M) expense.
4. Approve the inclusion, of depreciation, property tax, and income tax as part of revenue deficiency for 2021 rider recovery, as resolved by the parties.
5. Require MERC to provide in a compliance filing updated NGEP rider surcharge rates based on actual weather-normalized sales when the data becomes available.
6. Approve MERC's termination proposal regarding the 2021 NGEP surcharge rates.
7. Require MERC to submit a compliance filing showing final surcharge rates to be effective at the end of the project and continuing until such a time interim rates are implemented in a future rate case.
8. Require MERC to submit a compliance filing within 10 days of the Commission issuing its order with updated NGEP rider revenue requirement calculations, rider factor calculations and tariff pages.

The motion passed 4—0.

**E-002/M-20-891**

**In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of the Sherco Solar Project.**

Chair Sieben moved that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Determine that the proposed Sherco Solar project is exempt from a certificate-of-need pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.2422, subdivision 5 (b).
2. Rely upon the initial and reply comments process to develop the record in this proceeding.
3. Require Xcel to provide new EnCompass modeling that evaluates Sherco Solar as a system resource, and includes an analysis that reflects the cost allocation between Xcel's various jurisdictions. Xcel shall file its supplemental modeling by July 9, 2021. The Commission grants authority to the Executive Secretary to modify this deadline.

The motion passed 4—0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: October 13, 2021**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Seuffert", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

---

**Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary**