

The Commission met on **Thursday, September 2, 2021**, with Vice Chair Sullivan and Commissioners Schuerger and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

E-143/SA-21-420

In the Matter of the Joint Request of the City of Wadena and Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative for approval to Update Electric Service Territory Records

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission approve the requested permanent service territory transfer from Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative to the City of Wadena. MnGeo should update the Commission's maps to reflect the service area designations as shown on the map in the Petition.

The motion passed 3-0.

E-101,206/SA-21-439

In the Matter of the Joint Request of the Anoka Public Utility and Connexus Energy for Approval to Update Electric Service Territory Records

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission approve the permanent service territory transfer from Anoka City Municipal to Connexus Energy. MnGeo should update the Commission's maps to reflect the service area designations as shown on the map in the Petition.

The motion passed 3-0.

E-002/M-18-643

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of Electric Vehicle Pilot Program

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission:

1. Approve the following negotiated Customer Service Agreements:
 - Attachment A Minneapolis Community Hub Public Charging Contract – Clean
 - Attachment C St. Paul Community Hub Public Charging Contract – Clean
 - Attachment E Minnesota Department of Administration Fleet Charging Contract– Clean

- Attachment G Minneapolis Fleet Charging Contract - Clean
2. Approve Xcel's proposal to streamline approval of future CSAs and delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to approve, via notice, the contract if no interested parties or Commission staff object or file an intent to object within 30 days of the filing.

The motion passed 3-0.

E-002/M-21-226

In the Matter of a Petition by Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, Requesting Approval of a Proposed 2020 Electric Shared Savings Demand Side Management (DSM) Financial Incentive, the Conservation Cost Recovery Contained in its Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) Tracker Account for its Electric CIP, and a Proposed 2021/2022 Electric CIP Adjustment Factor

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission approve:

1. Xcel's proposed CIP Adjustment factor of \$0.003628 per kWh, updated in a compliance filing to factor in actual costs at the time of the Commission Order;
2. Xcel's proposed bill message effective the first month the 2021/2022 CIP Adjustment Factor takes effect, revised as necessary to incorporate the approved CAF and effective date;
3. A Shared Savings DSM financial incentive of \$30,500,073 for Xcel's 2020 electric CIP achievements, and allow Xcel to include the incentive in the Company's electric CIP tracker account no sooner than the issue date of the Commission's Order in the present docket; and
4. Xcel's 2020 Electric CIP tracker account activity, as provided in the Company's Petition and summarized above in Table 1, resulting in a December 31, 2020 tracker balance of \$6,960,280.

The motion passed 3-0.

E-015/M-21-199

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's 2020 Conservation Improvement Program Consolidated Filing

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

1. Approve Minnesota Power's 2020 CIP tracker account, as summarized in Table 1 above, with a December 31, 2020 tracker balance of (\$380,309.59).
2. Approve Minnesota Power's monthly carrying charge rate of 0.2917 percent.
3. Approve a 2021/2022 CPA of \$0.002015 per kWh, to be effective July 1, 2021, or on the first billing cycle in the next full month after Commission approval, whichever is later.
4. Approve a DSM financial incentive of \$2,411,672 for Minnesota Power's 2020 CIP achievements, to be included in the Company's CIP tracker account no sooner than the issue date of the Commission's Order in the present docket.
5. Grant Minnesota Power a variance to Minnesota Rules part 7820.3500 (K) and a variance to Minnesota Rules part 7825.2600 until issuance of the Commission's Order establishing MP's 2020/2021 CPA.
6. Require Minnesota Power to submit a compliance filing, within 10 days of the issue date of the Order in the present docket, with revised tariff sheets reflecting the Commission's determinations in this matter.

The motion passed 3-0.

E-016/GR-21-557

In the Matter of Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company's Application for Authority to Change its Minnesota Electric Rates and Rules to Conform to its Wisconsin Rates and Rules

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission:

1. Approve Northwestern's request to change its rates.
2. Grant the requested variance to Minn. Rules, part 7820.5500, subp. 2 with a duration as long as the rates established in this proceeding remain in effect.
3. Grant the requested variances to rate change procedural rules and provisions governing requirements for financial information in rate increase applications, including:

- Minn. Rules, part 7820.3500, item C.
 - Minn. Rules, part 7825.3900.
 - Minn. Rules, part 7825.4000.
 - Minn. Rules, part 7825. 4100.
 - Minn. Rules, part 7825.4200.
 - Minn. Rules, part 7825.4300, item C.
 - Minn. Rules, part 7825.4400, item A.
 - Minn. Rules, part 7825.4400, item B.
4. Grant Northwestern's request for an extension of the variance to the "current period" rule for calculating monthly adjustments for its Power Cost Adjustment Clause for as long as the rates established in this proceeding remain in effect.
 5. Require the Company to file updated tariff sheets within ten days of the Commission's Order in this proceeding.
 6. Require the Company to submit a compliance filing verifying that all customers have been notified of this change in rates using the Commission-approved customer notice.

The motion passed 3-0.

G-008/M-21-383

In the Matter of the Petition of CenterPoint Energy for Approval for Recovery of a Natural Gas Extension Project Costs through Rate Base Treatment and for a New Area Surcharge for the Lake Jessie Project

Vice Chair Sullivan moved that the Commission:

1. Approve cost recovery for the extension of natural gas service to an area near the town of Alexandria, located in Douglas County, Minnesota ("Lake Jessie Project").
2. Approve CenterPoint's proposed combination of NAS Rider and base rate cost recovery for the Lake Jessie Project as recommended by the Department and agreed by CenterPoint:

- Approve CenterPoint’s proposed combination of NAS Rider and base rate cost recovery for the Lake Jessie Project. The Company’s proposed approach (1) credits (reduces) the project costs to be recovered through the NAS Rider by the present value of 33% of the cumulative annual revenue deficiencies estimated over the useful life of the project, (2) foregoes NGEP-rider eligible recovery of project costs between now and the Company’s next rate case, and (3) includes for base rate recovery in a future rate case the NGEP-rider-eligible amount applicable at the time of the relevant rate case.
- Approve the following 16-year NAS Rider rates for cost recovery of a portion of the Lake Jessie Project:

<i>Customer Class</i>	<i>Monthly Charge Revised for Property Tax Treatment</i>
Residential	\$12.89
Commercial A	\$20.34
Commercial/Industrial B	\$28.48
Commercial/Industrial C	\$74.60
Small Volume Interruptible A	\$81.38
Small Volume Interruptible B	\$128.85
Large Volume Interruptible	\$1,424.13
Large Volume Firm	\$1,424.13

- Require CenterPoint to provide, in the future rate case in which the Company includes Lake Jessie Project costs for recovery, a discussion demonstrating that the Lake Jessie Project costs included in for recovery in base rates were reasonably and prudently incurred.
 - Approve CenterPoint’s proposed customer notice, updated as necessary with the applicable effective date and approved NAS Rider rates.
 - Require CenterPoint to file by March 1 of each year a report on the Lake Jessie Project that includes the following information: the number of customers, divided by classes, used to calculate the NAS Rider surcharge revenue and the retail margin revenue; and the actual NAS Rider surcharge and retail revenue received to date, projected surcharge revenue for the remaining term of the surcharge, and the actual project capital costs and forecasted remaining capital costs.
3. Require CenterPoint's proposed customer notice to be updated as necessary with the applicable effective date, approved NAS rider rates, and the current and any future approved riders and/or surcharges associated with the February 2021 gas spike. The

Company shall submit all proposed customer notices to the Executive Secretary for review and approval.

The motion passed 3-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: September 15, 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