

The Commission met on **Friday, November 12, 2021**, with Chair Sullivan and Commissioners Means, Schuerger, Sieben, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

**E-017/M-21-228**

**In the Matter of Otter Tail Power's 2020 Demand Side Management Financial Incentive Project and Annual Filing to Update the Conservation Improvement Project Rider**

Commissioner Sieben moved that the Commission:

1. Approve a Demand Side Management financial incentive of \$2,864,948 for Otter Tail Power's 2020 Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) achievements.
2. Approve Otter Tail Power's 2020 CIP tracker account, as summarized in Table 1 of the Department of Commerce's comments, resulting in a December 31, 2020, tracker balance of \$2,067,599.
3. Approve a Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment of \$0.00582 per kWh, to be effective the first month after Commission approval.
4. Grant Otter Tail Power variances to Minnesota Rules 7820.3500(K) and Minnesota Rules 7825.2600 for one year after the issue date of the Order.
5. Require Otter Tail Power to submit a compliance filing, within 10 days of the issue date of the order, with revised tariff sheets reflecting the Commission's determination in this matter.
6. Allow Otter Tail Power to not put the date of the order in the customer notice.

The motion passed 5-0.

**E-002/M-19-33**

**In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of a Renewable\*Connect Program**

**E-002/M-21-222**

**In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of a Renewable\*Connect Program Modification**

This item was pulled from the agenda prior to the meeting.

**E-002/GS-21-191**

**In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy for a Site Permit for the up to 460 MW Sherco Solar Project in Sherburne County**

**E-002/TL-21-189**

**In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy for a Route Permit for the West 345 kV Transmission Line for the Sherco Solar Project in Sherburne County**

**E-002/TL-21-190**

**In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy for a Route Permit for the East 345 kV Transmission Line for the Sherco Solar Project in Sherburne County**

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

1. Take no action on the City of Becker's request for an advisory task force.
2. In addition to Site Alternative Options 1 and 2, require the following alternative be included in the scope of the environmental assessment:
  - a. Land contiguous to the East or West Blocks owned by present participating landowners North and West of the West Block and South, East, and West of the East Block, if any. These are to be studied as possible replacements for the parcels of concern identified by the City of Becker, provided the landowners agree to participate in the project using such parcels and the parcels do not conflict with other permitting or environmental constraints as identified by the applicant, by December 1, 2021.

The motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: January 19, 2022**



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**Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary**