

The Commission met on **Thursday, June 30, 2022** with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Schuerger and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

#### IP-7065/WS-21-643

## In the Matter of the Application of Rose Creek Wind, LLC for a LWECS Site Permit for the 17.4 MW Rose Creek Wind Project in Mower County, Minnesota

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

- 1. Issue the draft site permit attached to these briefing papers, which incorporates the modifications proposed by EERA.
- 2. If issued, authorize Commission staff to modify the draft site permit to correct typographic and formatting errors, improve consistency, and ensure agreement with the Commission's order in the matter, as necessary.

The motion passed 3-0.

### E015/M-22-130 In the Matter of Minnesota Power's 2021 CIP Tracker Account, DSM Financial Incentive

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission:

- 1. Approve Minnesota Power's 2021 CIP tracker account, as summarized in Table 1 above, with a December 31, 2021 tracker balance \$3,583,333.
- 2. Approve MP's monthly carrying charge rate of 0.2917 percent;
- 3. Approve a 2022/2023 CPA of \$0.002002 per kWh, to be effective July 1, 2022, or on the first billing cycle in the next full month after Commission approval, whichever is later.
- 4. Approve a DSM financial incentive of \$1,937,003 for Minnesota Power's 2021 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 2021/2022 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-002/M-13-1015

# In the Matter of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy's Request for Approval of Tariff Modifications to its Solar\*Rewards Program

Chair Sieben moved that the Commission:

1. Approve Xcel's proposed November 19, 2021 tariff modifications, including the following redline tariff revision for the Solar\*Rewards contract:

All interconnection applications submitted under this Solar\*Rewards tariff must be submitted under the Minnesota Distributed Energy Resources Interconnection Process (MN DIP) as implemented in the Company tariffs. Consistent with this and the decision on how it wants to be compensated for net metering, the Customer at the applicable time will also need to sign the Uniform Statewide Contract (Section 9, Sheet Nos. 10-12) and/or the Minnesota Distributed Energy Resource Interconnection Agreement (MN DIA) as implemented in Company tariffs. Where the material that ordinarily would be considered to be an Interconnection Application has been submitted to the Area EPS Operator in conjunction with the Interconnection Customer also applying for a Solar\*Rewards incentive for the same DER system, it is agreed that the Interconnection Application shall not be considered to have been submitted until such time as funding has been awarded for the DER system associated with that Interconnection Application. For example, for any such Interconnection Application, the timelines under MN DIP 1.5.2 to review an Interconnection Application as being complete or incomplete shall begin on the date when the DER system has been awarded Solar\*Rewards funding. For any applications in the same queue who have been approved for funding on the same day, provided that each Interconnection Application was complete when the material was initially submitted, queue position will be determined based on which one submitted the material earliest.

The motion passed 3-0.

## E-002/AA-20-417 In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of its 2021 Annual Fuel Forecast and Monthly Fuel Cost Charges

Chair Sieben moved that the Commission:

- 1. Accept and approve Xcel's 2021 Fuel Adjustment Clause true-up compliance filing.
- 2. Authorize Xcel to recover the 2021 under-collection of \$81.8 million.
- 3. Approve Xcel's proposed tariff sheets.

The motion passed 3-0.

#### E-017/AA-20-462

#### In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Petition for Approval of the Annual Forecasted Rates for its Energy Adjustment Rider

Chair Sieben moved that the Commission:

- 1. Accept and approve Otter Tail's 2021 energy adjustment rider true-up compliance filing.
- 2. Authorize Otter Tail to recover the net 2021 under-collection of \$700,126.
- 3. Authorize Otter Tail to recover the 2021 under-collection over a four-month period starting on September 1, 2021.

The motion passed 3-0.

#### E015/AA-20-463

## In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of the Annual Forecasted Rates for its Rider for Fuel and Purchased Energy Charge

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission:

- 1. Accept and approve Minnesota Power's 2021 Annual Fuel and Purchased Energy Charge Rider true-up compliance filing.
- 2. Authorize Minnesota Power to recover its 2021 under-collection of \$56,363,395.
- 3. Authorize Minnesota Power to recover the 2021 under-collection over the 17-month period of April 1, 2022.

4. Order Minnesota Power to, once its 2023 forecast is approved, provide updated rates for January 2023 through August 2023.

The motion passed 3-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: July 20, 2022

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