

The Commission met on **Thursday September 1, 2022**, with Vice Chair Sullivan and Commissioners Means, Schuerger, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

E-002/M-21-794

In the Matter of Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of the Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Rider Revenue Requirements for 2022 and Revised Adjustment Factors

Vice Chair Sullivan moved that the Commission:

1. Approve RES Rider cost recovery eligibility for Border Winds Repower, Grand Meadows Repower, Nobles Repower, Pleasant Valley Repower, and Northern Wind Repower projects in the RES Rider tracker.
2. Approve Xcel's 2022 RES Rider revenue requirements of \$263.3 million and an adjustment factor of 9.765%.
3. Approve Xcel's weighted cost of debt of 1.95% and authorizes the Company to update the 2022 weighted cost of debt in the RES Rider tracker in a future petition using the final weighted cost of debt approved by the Commission in Docket No. E-002/GR-21-630, if it differs from the cost of debt authorized herein.
4. Approve Xcel's actual in-servicing costs for Foxtail, Freeborn, Blazing Star I & II, collectively known as the 1,550 MW Wind Portfolio, and Dakota Range I and II.
5. Within 10 days of the date of this order, require Xcel to file final tariff sheets, a customer notice modified to reflect the new approved RES adjustment factor, and supporting documentation for the calculation of the new RES rider adjustment factor.

The motion passed 4-0.

P-5903,432,560,567; 422,539,537,545,527; 5446/C-22-245

In the Matter of a Formal Complaint and Request for Expedited Relief Initiated by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) Regarding the Delivery and the Compensation Related to the 911 Network by Christensen Communications Company, Johnson Telephone Company, KMTelecom, Park Region Telephone Co., Valley Telephone Company, Rothsay Telephone Company, Otter Tail Telecom, LLC, Wikstrom Telephone Company, Gardenville Cooperative Telephone Association, and Bevcomm

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

1. Find that there are reasonable grounds to investigate this matter.
2. Direct DPS to amend its complaint promptly and serve it on all parties.
3. Require respondents to file an answer to the amended complaint within 20 days of receipt regarding the compensation dispute set forth in the complaint with the Commission, DPS, the Department, and the Office of the Attorney General. Respondents agree to waive Commission service of the complaint.
4. Accepts the respondents' commitment to interconnect at the point of interconnection in a prompt manner and work with the DPS contractor to make that happen.
5. Refer the matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings for the purpose of mediation under Minn. R. 1400.5950, subp. 3(A).

The motion passed 4-0.

E-015/M-21-390

In the Matter of the 2021 Integrated Distribution Plan

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission:

1. Accept Minnesota Power's 2021 Integrated Distribution Plan.
2. Require Minnesota Power to file its next Integrated Distribution Plan by November 1, 2023.

The motion passed 4-0.

E-111/M-21-728

In the Matter of Distribution System Planning for Dakota Electric Association

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

1. Accept Dakota Electric's 2021 Integrated Distribution Plan.

2. Require Dakota Electric to file its 2023 Integrated Distribution Plan no later than November 1, 2023.
3. Require Dakota to file, in its next IDP filing, a thorough discussion of the installation of a utility-operated energy storage system (which would be charged with energy that would otherwise cause back-feeding during the day and that would then discharge that energy in the evening) in light of recent state and federal infrastructure programs. The discussion must include how to calculate cost to benefits impacts and how such storage solutions affect its wholesale power supply contracts and obligations.

The motion passed 4-0.

E-017/M-21-612

In the Matter of Distribution System Planning for Otter Tail Power Company

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission:

1. Accept Otter Tail Power Company's 2021 Integrated Distribution Plan with the understanding that acceptance of the IDP has no bearing on prudence of specific proposed investments.
2. Require Otter Tail Power Company to detail the status of the Innovation 2030 initiative in the Company's next IDP, and further, to use the most up-to-date information and data available in describing its grid modernization plans.
3. Require Otter Tail Power to file its next Integrated Distribution Plan by November 1, 2023.

The motion passed 4-0.

E-002/M-21-694;

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2021 Integrated Distribution System Plan

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E-111/M-21-728 Dakota Electric Association

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Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission:

1. For each of the three investor-owned utilities—Minnesota Power, Otter Tail Power Company, and Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy—approve combining the filing requirements for the Transportation Electrification Plans and Integrated Distribution Plans consistent with the attached filing requirements. Require each investor-owned utility to file

information and data related to Transportation Electrification Plans in each utility's next Integrated Distribution Plan beginning November 1, 2023, and biennially thereafter.

2. Discontinue the requirement for each investor-owned utility to file a Transportation Electrification Plan biennially on June 1 in Docket No. E-999/CI-17-879; this order replaces all transportation electrification plan-related reporting requirements previously issued by the Commission in Docket No. E-999/CI-17-879.
3. Allow utilities to file electric vehicle data in future Integrated Distribution Plans that align with the data filed in their Annual Program Electric Vehicle reports, currently due June 1 of each year.

The motion passed 4-0.

E-002/M-21-767

In the Matter of Xcel Energy 2021 Hosting Capacity Report Under Minn. Stat. 216B.2425, Subd. 8.

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission accept Xcel Energy's 2021 Hosting Capacity Analysis Report and Hosting Capacity Analysis.

The motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: February 22, 2023



Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary