



The Commission met on **Thursday, September 29, 2022**, with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Means, Schuerger, Sullivan, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

E-111/M-22-227

In the Matter of Dakota Electric Association's Petition to Modify its Special Fee or Charges Tariff

Chair Sieben moved that the Commission approve Dakota Electric's Petition reducing reconnection charge and transfer/connection charge as recommended in the Department of Commerce's July 1, 2022 reply comments with approval effective as of May 2, 2022.

The motion passed 5–0.

IP-6946/WS-17-410

In the Matter of the Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the 84 MW Freeborn Wind Farm in Freeborn County

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission deny reconsideration or rehearing of the August 8, 2022 Order Accepting Post-construction Noise Monitoring Report and Compliance Review.

The motion passed 5–0.

U-999/CI-22-89

In the Matter of an Investigation of the Implementation of Minnesota Statutes, Section 237.045 Regarding Railroad Rights-of-Way, Crossing, or Paralleling by Utilities

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

1. Gather information on the issues utilities and other providers are experiencing when attempting to deploy, replace, repair, or maintain utility and communications infrastructure in or across railroad rights-of-way.
2. Obtain recommendations on possible steps the Commission could take in future dispute resolution proceedings under section 237.045 to better address those issues.

3. Direct the Executive Secretary to issue a notice requesting comments consistent with the scope of the investigation and the order in this matter.

The motion passed 5–0.

IP-7046/WS-20-860

In the Matter of the Request for Partial Transfer of the Site Permit for the up to 122.3-megawatt Northern Wind Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Murray County, Minnesota

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission:

1. Authorize a partial transfer of the site permit.
2. Authorize staff to create two separate site permits as proposed by Northern Wind in its August 11, 2022 Initial Comments.
3. Authorize staff to modify the site permit to correct typographic and formatting errors, improve consistency, and ensure agreement with the Commission’s final order in the matter, as necessary.

The motion passed 5–0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: December 28, 2022

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

Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary