

# Public Utilities Commission

## Agenda

Thursday, August 22, 2013

9:30 AM start time

Utilities represented: Energy Facilities, Electricity, Natural Gas

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### DELIBERATION ITEMS

*No Items*

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### DECISION ITEMS

<b>*1 ET2/CN-12-1235</b>	<b>Great River Energy</b>	<b>Accepted application as complete; authorized use of informal review process; approved joint hearing and combined environmental review for CON and route permit proceedings; varied time periods for PUC review.</b>
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In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy for a Certificate of Need for a 115 kV Transmission Line Project in the Elko New Market and Cleary Lake Areas in Scott and Rice Counties, Minnesota.

Should the Commission accept the certificate of need application as complete? What action should the Commission take regarding other procedural items?

(PUC: [Briefing Papers](#) - Ek)

<b>*1A ET2/TL-12-1245</b>	<b>Great River Energy</b>	<b>Accepted application as complete; appointed public advisor; granted a variance; referred matter to OAH with requests for adapted procedures; directed staff to request state agency participation.</b>
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In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy for a Route Permit for a 115 kV Transmission Line Project in the Elko New Market and Cleary Lake Areas in Scott and Rice Counties, Minnesota.

Should the Commission accept the route permit application as complete? What action should the Commission take regarding other procedural items?

(PUC: [Briefing Papers](#) - Ham)

**\*2 PL6668/CN-13-473      Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC      Approved notice plan proposal with revisions; varied Minn.R., part 7829.2560, subp. 6.**

In the Matter of the Application for a Certificate of Need for the Sandpiper Pipeline Project in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border.

Should the Commission approve the proposed notice plan? Should the Commission approve a variance to Minn. Rules, part 7829.2560, subp. 6, on the timing of the implementation of the notice plan? (PUC: [Briefing Papers](#) - Ek)

**\*3 ~~E002/CN-11-826~~      Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy; Great River Energy      Pulled**  
***PULLED***

In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy and Great River Energy for a Certificate of Need for the SWTC Chaska Area 115 KV Transmission Line Rebuild Project in Carver and Scott Counties.

Should the Commission find that the Environmental Report completed for this project adequately addresses the Department of Commerce issued Scoping Decision? Should the Commission grant a Certificate of Need for the SWTC Chaska HVTL Project? (PUC: **DeBleekere**)

**\*4 ~~E002/TL-12-401~~      Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy; Great River Energy      Pulled**  
***PULLED***

In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy and Great River Energy for a Route Permit for the SWTC Chaska Area 115 KV Transmission Line Rebuild Project in Carver and Scott Counties.

Should the Commission find that the Environmental Assessment completed for this project adequately addresses the Department of Commerce issued Scoping Decision? Should the Commission issue a Route Permit for the SWTC Chaska HVTL Project? (PUC: **DeBleekere**)

**\*5 E017/M-13-386      Otter Tail Power Company      Approved**

Otter Tail Power Company's Petition for Approval of a Wind Energy Power Purchase Agreement with Ashtabula Wind III, LLC. (PUC: Rebholz; DOC: [Comments](#) - Peirce)  
**NOTE:** Staff agrees with the Department of Commerce recommendations.

**\*6 G001/M-11-1066 Interstate Power and Light Company Approved; filing required**

In the Matter of Interstate Power and Light Company's (IPL's) Request for Changes in Demand Entitlements.

Should the Commission accept IPL's proposed level of demand entitlements?

Should the Commission require IPL to make a demand entitlement filing on, or about, July 1st each year?

Should the Commission require IPL to make a miscellaneous filing regarding telemetering of customers receiving interruptible service?

(PUC: [Briefing Papers](#) - Bender, Harding)

**\*7 G001/M-12-737 Interstate Power and Light Company Approved**

In the Matter of Interstate Power and Light Company's (IPL's) Request for Changes in Demand Entitlements.

Should the Commission approve IPL's proposed level of demand entitlements and allow IPL to recover the associated demand costs through the monthly purchased gas adjustment effective November 1, 2012?

Should the Commission require additional information in future demand entitlement filings? (PUC: [Briefing Papers](#) - Bender, Harding)

**\*8 G004/M-11-1075 Great Plains Natural Gas Company Approved**

In the Matter of Great Plains Natural Gas Company's Demand Entitlement Filing.

Should the Commission approve the Demand Entitlement filing of Great Plains Natural Gas for the 2011-2012 heating season? (PUC: [Briefing Papers](#) - Schwieger, Dasinger)

**\*9 G004/PA-13-367 Great Plains Natural Gas Company, a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. Variance granted; sale approved**

In the Matter of a Request for the Approval of the Transfer of Property of Great Plains Natural Gas Company.

Should the Commission approve the sale of the propane peaking plant located in Marshall, Minnesota? (PUC: [Briefing Papers](#) - Schwieger, Dasinger)

**\*10 G002/M-12-519 Northern States Power Company d/b/z Xcel Energy Approved as Modified**

In the Matter of the Petition Seeking Approval of an Extension of Rule Variances to Minnesota Rules Parts 7825.2400, 7825.2500, and 7825.2700 to Recover the Costs of Certain Natural Gas Financial Instruments Through the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Clause.

Should the Commission approve Xcel's request to extend its Variance to Minnesota Rules Parts 7825.2400, 7825.2500, and 7825.2700, which allows Xcel to Recover Certain Natural Gas Financial Instruments Costs through the PGA, i.e. Hedging Costs?  
(PUC: [Briefing Papers](#) - Brill, Bender)

<b>*11 E.G999/M-12-587</b>	<b>All Commission Rate Regulated Electric and Natural Gas Utilities</b>	<b>Reconsideration Granted; changes Approved</b>
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In the Matter of the Minnesota Office of Attorney General-Antitrust and Utilities Division's Petition for a Commission Investigation Regarding Criteria and Standards for Multiyear Rate Plans under Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, Subd. 19.

Should the Commission clarify its Order Establishing Terms, Conditions, and Procedures for Multiyear Rate Plans? (PUC: [Briefing Papers](#) / [Revised Decision Alternatives](#) - Harding)

\* One star indicates agenda item is unusual but is not disputed.  
\*\* Two stars indicate a disputed item or significant legal or procedural issue to be resolved.  
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