

The Commission met on **Tuesday, February 28, 2006**, Chaired by Commissioner Reha with Commissioners Johnson and Pugh present.

**Comment [COMMENT1]:** Minutes by Carol Casebolt. 2 motions were made.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission.

**G-008/GR-05-1380**

**In the Matter of the Application of CenterPoint Energy for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota**

Commissioner Pugh moved to grant the preliminary determination of eligibility for intervenor compensation to Energy Cents Coalition.

The motion passed 3-0.

**E-017/M-04-1751**

**In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Report on a Call to the Ethics Hotline**

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Require Otter Tail Power Company to file a revised Regulatory Compliance Plan by April 30, 2006 and require that that plan specifically address affiliated interest issues.
2. Require OTP to file an updated corporate cost allocations manual, including a discussion of how it addresses the guidance from the 90-1008 order, by May 31, 2006. Direct OTP to meet with the Department of Commerce to answer any questions and provide any additional information they may need subsequent to the filing. Require OTP to provide comprehensive data on cost allocation procedures in its upcoming rate case.
3. Require OTP to file documentation on its Oracle accounting system, including how the system maps to the FERC Uniform System of Accounts, by May 31, 2006. Direct OTP to meet with the Department of Commerce to answer any questions and provide any additional information they may need subsequent to the filing.
4. Require OTP to file a rate case by September 30, 2006.
5. Require OTP to obtain and file a ruling from FERC on whether restrictive covenants in its loan agreements warrant the exclusion of such borrowing from the calculation of AFUDC.
6. Require OTP to file updates on developments relating to its FERC operational audit and to file the final report when available.
7. Require OTP to file a letter with the Commission and the Department of Commerce each time it makes any change in reporting in its Minnesota Electric Jurisdictional Annual

Report.

8. State that this case remains open and that the filings required above do not necessarily encompass all substantive issues that will be addressed in connection with the Ethics Hotline call.

The motion passed 3-0.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: MARCH 15, 2006**

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**Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary**