

The Commission met on **Thursday, October 12, 2006**, with Chair Koppendrayer and Commissioners Johnson, Nickolai, Pugh, and Reha present.

Comment [COMMENT1]: Minutes by Carol Casebolt . 8 motions were made.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission.

**P-5496/C-06-498**

**In the Matter of the Department of Commerce's Formal Complaint and Request for Commission Action Regarding TCG Minnesota, Inc.**

Commissioner Johnson moved that the Commission refer the matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested case proceeding.

The motion passed 5-0.

**E-002/M-06-1196**

**In the Matter of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy's Request for Approval of Power Purchase Agreement with Kenyon Wind LLC**

Commissioner Pugh moved to approve the power purchase agreement as modified to comply with the recommendations of the Department of Commerce and to require Xcel to file the modified agreement as a compliance filing.

The motion passed 5-0.

**E- G-001/D-06-821**

**In the Matter of Alliant Energy-Interstate Power and Light Company's Request for Approval of Annual Review of Depreciation Rates for 2006**

Commissioner Nickolai moved to approve the petition as recommended by the Department of Commerce and to adopt its recommendations for future depreciation filings.

The motion passed 5-0.

**E,G-002/PA-06-932**

**In the Matter of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of a Transfer and Exchange of Assets with Great River Energy and Member Cooperatives**

Commissioner Reha moved to grant the petition, subject to the conditions recommended by the Department of Commerce.

The motion passed 5-0.

**E-017/M-04-2013**

**In the Matter of the Petition of Otter Tail Power for Approval of its Modified Standby Tariff and Distributed Generation Service Rider**

Commissioner Pugh moved to approve the Company's Supplemental Compliance Filing, including its Distributed Generation tariff rider and its modified Standby Service tariff, and including the proposal for an additional compliance filing to be made on March 21, 2008.

The motion passed 5-0.

**E-002/RP-04-1752**

**In the Matter of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy's Application for Approval of its 2005-2019 Resource Plan**

Chair Koppendrayer moved to grant reconsideration and toll the 60-day time period for acting on petitions for reconsideration to allow adequate time for order preparation.

The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Pugh moved that the Commission

- Modify ordering paragraph 10 by adopting the language proposed by the Department of Commerce.
- Modify ordering paragraph 11 by adopting the language proposed by the Company.
- Find that the Company has met the statutory reporting requirements of Minn. Stat. § 216C.051, subd. 3 (d).

The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Nickolai moved that the Commission take the actions set forth below:

- Require Xcel, in the November 1 filing required under the Order, to file, in addition to a certificate of need application and/or a signed power purchase agreement, the term sheet alternative providers should use in submitting alternative proposals for a baseload resource.
- Allow alternative providers 45 days after Xcel makes its November 1 filing (including the public copy of the term sheet for baseload resources) to submit alternative proposals.
- Require Xcel to provide notice to potential alternative providers of the opportunity to submit proposals in the competitive resource acquisition process, beginning

November 1, 2006. This notice should

- (a) be provided within 20 days of the date of the meeting;
- (b) be prepared with input from the staff of the Department of Commerce;
- (c) include notice that the Department of Commerce will appoint a staff member to serve as a liaison with alternative providers and facilitate their participation in the competitive resource acquisition process; and
- (d) be described in a compliance filing made on or before November 15, 2006.

The motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: OCTOBER 25, 2006**

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**Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary**