

The Commission met on **Thursday, November 17, 2005**, with Vice-Chair Reha and Commissioners Johnson, Nickolai, and Pugh present. Vice-Chair Reha chaired the meeting.

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

The following matters were taken up by the Commission.

BLOCK MOTION

Commissioner Pugh moved that the Commission take the actions set forth below in the following dockets:

P-5897/RV-05-1459

In the Matter of the Revocation of JirehCom, Inc.'s Certificate of Authority

- revoke the certificate of authority
- provide that the carrier remains responsible for any unpaid regulatory assessments or fees.

P-5821/RV-05-1616

In the Matter of the Revocation of the Certificate of Authority of Orion Telecommunications Corporation

- revoke the certificate of authority
- provide that the carrier remains responsible for any unpaid regulatory assessments or fees.

The motion passed 4-0.

OTHER MATTERS

P-5225, 430/IC-05-1510

In the Matter of the Joint Application for Approval of a Master Interconnection, Collocation, and Resale Agreement Between Sprint Minnesota, Inc. and Lakedale Link, Inc.

Commissioner Nickolai moved to grant the petition of the Department of Commerce to amend the Commission's October 14, 2005 Consent Order under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, subd. 8(a) to require the parties to file an amendment within 30 days that either deletes Section 66.2 or modifies that section to comply with previous Commission orders on interim number portability.

The motion passed 4-0.

G-001/M-05-1513

In the Matter of Interstate Power and Light's Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Refund Plan

Commissioner Nickolai moved to approve the Company's propose refund plan with the clarification that any monies that cannot be refunded should be treated in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 345.34.

The motion passed 4-0.

G-002/M-05-865

In the Matter of a Request by Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Approval of a Change in Contract Demand Entitlements Effective June 1, 2005

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the change in FDD entitlements effective June 1, 2005 and to allow the rate impact to be calculated and implemented in the Company's PGAs based on the gas utility's monthly volume of sales (firm and interruptible) during the five-month heating season.

The motion passed 4-0.

G-002/M-05-549

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Approval of a Gas Conservation Improvement Program Adjustment Factor

G-002/GR-04-1511

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota

Commissioner Pugh moved to approve the Company's proposed CIP adjustment factor of \$0.00245/therm, to be implemented concurrent with the new base cost of gas (Docket No. G-002/M-05-1486) and final base rates in Docket No. G-002/GR-04-1511.

The motion passed 4-0.

G-002/GR-04-1511

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission take the following action on Xcel's compliance filing:

1. Require Xcel to submit, within 10 days of the Order, the Company's entire tariff with the

revised rates and the Department's recommended changes, and with the December 1, 2005 effective date.

2. Deny Xcel's proposed inflation rate of 2.45% for its Commercial and Industrial Cost Sheet.
3. Approve Xcel's revised Commercial and Industrial Cost Sheet for service and main extensions to commercial and industrial customers, as submitted in the Company's October 6, 2005 Amended Compliance Filing.
4. Approve Xcel's proposed March 1 annual filing date to submit any proposed changes to the Commercial and Industrial Cost Sheet, with the clarification that the filing be treated as a miscellaneous filing.
5. Defer any decision regarding Xcel's proposed base cost of gas to Docket No. G-002/MR-5-1486.
6. Require Xcel to resubmit the CIP tracker account (including rates, revenues, expenses, and ending balance) for the entire period that interim rates were in effect, within 10 days after final rates become effective.
7. Accept Xcel's calculation of the CCRC of \$0.00518 per therm.
8. Accept Xcel's proposed standard customer service agreements and contracts except for the following changes that Xcel proposed for its *Commercial Service Agreement*:
 - delete a blank space in which the parties are able to identify in writing the service termination date;
 - change the minimum cover required by the customer for all Company facilities from 18 inches to 15 inches;
 - change the time period under which a customer agrees to begin using the Company's gas service from within 90 days to within 180 days.
9. Approve Xcel's proposed refund plan as amended and recommended by the Department. Require Xcel to submit, within 10 days of the refund, a compliance filing that shows that actual refunds and interest paid by class including the calculations. These calculations shall include, but not be limited to, detailing the amounts refunded in total and by customer class, interest paid in total and by customer class, and the amount of the refund it was unable to distribute.

The motion passed 4-0.

G-002/MR-05-1486

In the Matter of a Petition by Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy to Zero

Out the Purchased Gas Adjustment and Establish a New Base Cost of Gas to Coincide with the Implementation of Final Rates in Docket No. G-002/GR-04-1511

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve a base cost of gas of \$452,859,282, as calculated by the Department, and the base cost of gas by customer class as scheduled in Schedule 5, Page 1 of 4 of the Company's filing and Page 1 of 4 of Attachment 1 to the Department's comments. This base cost of gas is to be effective with the date of implementation of final rates in Xcel's gas rate case, Docket G-002/GR-04-1511.

The motion passed 4-0.

G-002/GP-05-1706

In the Matter of the Application by Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy for a Pipeline Permit and for Partial Exemption From Pipeline Route Selection Procedures

Commissioner Nickolai moved that the Commission accept the application of Xcel Energy for partial exemption from pipeline route selection procedures and for a pipeline routing permit for the proposed natural gas pipeline for the High Bridge Generating Plant Conversion Project.

The motion passed, 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: NOVEMBER 30, 2005

Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary