

The Commission met on **Thursday, February 8, 2007**, with Chair Koppendrayer and Commissioners Johnson, Nickolai and Reha present.

Comment [COMMENT1]: Minutes by Eric Witte and Marcia Johnson. 7 motions were made.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

ENERGY AGENDA

E-002/GR-05-1428

In the Matter of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy to Increase Rates for Electric Service in the State of Minnesota

Commissioner Reha moved to do the following:

1. Find that Energy Cents Coalition materially assisted the Commission.
2. Find that Energy Cents Coalition has insufficient financial resources to afford intervenor costs.
3. Grant Energy Cents Coalition's claim for \$8,312.69 in intervenor compensation in the Xcel electric rate case.
4. Require Xcel to pay the award of compensation to Energy Cents Coalition within 30 days of the order in this matter, and to file with the Commission proof that it paid the amount awarded.

The motion passed 4-0.

G-002/AI-00-1278

In the Matter of a Request by Northern States Power for Approval of an Affiliated Interest Agreement between Xcel Energy and e prime inc.

G-002/M-01-1052

In the Matter of a Petition by Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Approval of an End-User Allocation Service

E,G-999/AA-05-1403

In the Matter of the Review of the 2005 Annual Automatic Adjustment of Charges for All Electric and Gas Utilities

G-002/AA-05-1425

In the Matter of the Review of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy 2005 Annual True-up Filing

Chair Koppendrayer moved to do the following:

1. Accept the purchased gas adjustment reconciliation ("true-up") filing of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel) for 2004-2005 as filed in Docket No. G-002/AA-05-1425, incorporating the recommendations of the Minnesota Department of Commerce. This includes –
 - A. Xcel's correction to the allocation of October 2004 demand costs;

- B. Xcel's correction of the monthly levels of demand-billed demand used to allocate demand costs; and
- C. the disallowance of the Minnesota jurisdiction's share (\$649,009) of Xcel's 2003-2004 prior period adjustment.

The Commission declines to address whether Xcel might have qualified to vary Commission rules to permit recovery of the 2003-2004 adjustment.

- 2. Accept Xcel's request in Docket No. E,G-999/AA-05-1403 and issue a separate order ending the annual reporting requirements associated with Docket Nos. G-002/AI-00-1278 and G-002/M-01-1052.

The motion passed 4-0.

E,G-999/AA-05-1403

In the Matter of the Review of the 2005 Annual Automatic Adjustment of Charges for All Electric and Gas Utilities

G-002/AA-05-1423 (Northern Area)

In the Matter of the Review of CenterPoint Energy, a Division of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., 2005 Annual Adjustment Reports and True-up Filings

G-002/AA-05-1424 (Viking Area)

In the Matter of the Review of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy 2005 Annual True-up Filing

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission grant CenterPoint Energy's motion for rehearing and reconsider its December 6, 2006 decision that denied CenterPoint's request for a rule variance to recover out-of-period gas costs.

Commissioner Reha withdrew the motion and requested that oral argument occur.

Commissioner Reha subsequently renewed her motion that the Commission:

- 1) Modify its December 6 decision.
- 2) Grant a variance for the 2004 gas year (as well as the 2005 year).
- 3) Complete an independent audit for the years 2004 and 2005.

The motion failed, 2-2.

Commissioner Nickolai moved that the Commission:

- 1) Deny CenterPoint's petition for reconsideration.
- 2) On the Commission's own motion clarify the December 6 decision to deny CenterPoint's request for a variance to reflect the discussion in Staff Briefing papers at pages 9 - 10.

Commissioner Nickolai withdrew his motion on request of Commissioner Reha to make a motion.

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission:

- 1) Reconsider its December 6 decision and neither grant or deny CenterPoint's request for a rule variance.
- 2) Defer a decision until after the completion of the independent audit.

The motion failed 2-2.

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The motion passed, 4-0.

Commissioner Reha indicated that she had misunderstood the motion and asked that a revote be taken with the motion divided into two parts. The Chair concurred.

Commissioner Nickolai moved to clarify the December 6 Order language in accord with the discussion in Staff Briefing papers, pages 9 - 10.

The motion passed, 4-0.

Commissioner Nickolai moved to deny CenterPoint's request for reconsideration.

The motion failed, 2-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: FEBRUARY 21, 2007

Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary