

The Commission met on **Thursday, April 26, 2007**, with Acting Chair Reha and Commissioners Johnson and Pugh present.

Comment [COMMENT1]: Minutes by Carol Casebolt, Eric Witte, & Marcia Johnson. 5 motions were made.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

ENERGY AGENDA

G-002/GR-06-1429

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

Commissioner Johnson moved to do the following:

1. Make a preliminary determination that Energy Cents Coalition is eligible for intervenor compensation for participating in this docket pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 216B.16, subdivision 10, and Minnesota Rules part 7831.0500.
2. Find that Energy Cents Coalition is an intervenor with insufficient resources.
3. Find that Energy Cents Coalition has made a sufficient preliminary showing that without an award of intervenor compensation, it would not have the financial resources to participate fully and effectively in the docket.

The motion passed 3 - 0.

E-002/M-00-1583

In the Matter of a Request of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Approval of a Renewable Development Fund Oversight Process

Commissioner Pugh moved to do the following:

1. Find Xcel Energy in compliance with Order Points 6 and 7 of the Commission's ORDER ADOPTING PROCESS AND OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS, ENDING TIME RESTRICTION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES, AND REQUIRING FURTHER FILINGS (October 5, 2006).
2. Acknowledge that Xcel Energy has agreed to continue to produce and publish to its website non-technical executive summaries developed by either a third party or Xcel-designated staff as projects financed by the Renewable Development Fund (RDF) are concluded.
3. Encourage Xcel Energy to work with the Institute for Local Self-Reliance on ways to

increase public accessibility to RDF information on Xcel Energy's site on the World Wide Web, noting that areas for continued improvement include organization and presentation of content and RDF study results.

4. Ask Xcel Energy and the Institute for Local Self-Reliance to explore the possibility of Xcel Energy entering into a contract with the Institute to accomplish these goals.
5. Seek comments from the RDF Board on the issue of how best to add value to the RDF study results by making them more transparent, accessible, and user-friendly, and require a report on the Board's efforts within 60 days of the date of the Order.

The motion passed 3 - 0.

IP-6632/WS-07-389

In the Matter of the Application of Moraine Wind II, LLC, for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the Up to 50 Megawatt Moraine II wind Farm in Murray County

Commissioner Pugh moved to do the following:

1. Accept the Moraine Wind II, LLC Site Permit Application for up to a 49.9 megawatt large wind energy conversion system.
2. Authorize the Minnesota Department of Commerce's energy facilities permitting (EFP) staff to name a public advisor for this project.
3. Make a preliminary determination that a draft site permit may be issued.
4. Approve the proposed draft site permit for the Moraine Wind II, LLC, project for distribution and public comment.
5. Authorize EFP staff to initiate the public participation process found in Minnesota Rules part 4401.0550.

The motion passed 3 - 0.

ET-2, E-002, et al./CN-06-1115

In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy, Northern States Power Company (d/b/a Xcel Energy) and Others for a Certificate of Need for the CapX 345-kV Transmission Project

Commissioner Johnson moved to do the following:

1. Accept Xcel Energy's proposal to permit Great River Energy (GRE) and Xcel Energy to be the applicants, with the understanding that the application will be provided for the other CapX 2020 participants as directed below.
2. Approve Xcel Energy's exemption request, as modified in Xcel Energy's reply comments, with the following additional modifications:
 - A. The applicants shall provide more detailed system maps for the St. Cloud and Rochester areas, including location of existing transmission and generating facilities.
 - B. GRE and Xcel Energy shall indicate projected minimum and maximum percentages of total line length ownership, with the understanding that those ranges will not be considered binding by the Commission.
 - C. GRE and Xcel Energy shall provide annual Minnesota and system-side energy data as indicated by Minnesota Rules part 7849.0270, subdivision 2, items A and B(10) for each of the utilities that have signed one or more of the Project Development Agreements.
 - D. GRE and Xcel Energy shall provide fairly detailed construction timetables and in-service dates for the three proposed transmission projects.
3. Clarify that the Commission's decisions in this matter have no future ratemaking effect.

The motion passed 3 - 0.

P-5733/C-07-296

**In the Matter of a Complaint and Request for Expedited Hearing of Neutral Tandem, Inc.,
Against Level 3 Communications, LLC**

P-5733, 6403/M-07-354

**In the Matter of the Application of Level 3 Communications, LLC, to Terminate Services
to Neutral Tandem, Inc.**

Acting Chair Reha moved to do the following:

1. Find that the Commission has jurisdiction over these dockets.
2. Consolidate the dockets and refer the matter to the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested case proceeding.

The motion passed 3 - 0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: AUGUST 1, 2007

Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary