

The Commission met on **Thursday, May 10, 2007**, with Chair Koppendrayer and Commissioners Johnson, Pugh, and Reha present.

Comment [COMMENT1]: Minutes by Peter Brown. 8 motions were made.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

P-5392/RV-07-247

In the Matter of the Revocation of Group Long Distance, Inc.'s Certificate of Authority

Commissioner Pugh moved that the Commission revoke Group Long Distance, Inc.'s authority, clarifying that any assessments or fees unpaid to the Department, Commission, Metropolitan 911 Board or Department of Public Safety remain the company's responsibility.

The motion passed, 4-0.

P-421/C-06-413

In the Matter of the Complaint by the Minnesota Independent Equal Access Corporation, Inc. Against Qwest Communications Regarding Centralized Equal Access Charges

Commissioner Pugh moved that the Commission refer the matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested case proceeding before an Administrative Law Judge.

The motion was adopted, 4-0.

P-466, 575/M-07-495

In the Matter of the Petition of Woodstock Telephone Company for Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement with Sprint Communications Company, L.P. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(b)

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission

1. refer the matter to the OAH for hearing by one or more ALJs, requesting that the ALJ(s) conduct the arbitration with deference to Minn. Rules, Part 7812.1700; and
2. accept the parties' proposal to revise the schedule of proceedings before the Administrative Law Judge, pushing dates out by one month, and their agreement to extend the deadline for final Commission action on the matter correspondingly.

The motion was adopted, 4-0.

ENERGY AGENDA

E-002/GR-05-1428

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

Commissioner Johnson moved that the Commission

1. find that Mr. Shark has materially assisted the Commission and has insufficient financial resources to afford the intervenor costs;
2. grant Mr. Shark's claim for \$20,000 in intervenor compensation in the Xcel electric rate case.; and
3. require Xcel to pay the award of compensation to Mr. Shark within 30 days of the Order in this matter, and to file with the Commission proof that it paid the amount awarded.

The motion was adopted, 3-1. Commissioner Pugh voted no.

E-017/M-04-1751

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

Commissioner Koppendrayer moved that the Commission deny the request for reconsideration.

The motion was adopted, 4-0.

E-6556/CN-06-1428

In the Matter of the Application by High Prairie Wind Farm II, LLC for a Certificate of Need for a Large Wind-Energy Conversion System

Commissioner Pugh moved that the Commission

1. find that the Environmental Report and the record created in this matter adequately addresses the issues identified by the Environmental Assessment Scoping Decision; and
2. approve High Prairie's petition, find that the applicant has met the statutory and rule criteria for a certificate of need, and grant a certificate of need for a 100.65 Large Wind Energy Conversion Facility.

The motion was adopted, 4-0.

PT-6556/WS-06-1520

**In the Matter of the Application for a Site Permit for the High Prairie Wind Farm II, LLC
Large Wind Energy Conversion System**

Commissioner Pugh moved that the Commission

1. amend the Department's proposed Finding of Fact #30 as follows:
 30. The project site as proposed includes approximately 10,000 acres in the townships of Bennington (Sections 3 2-6), [etc. as is.]
2. adopt the Findings of Fact (as amended above) and Conclusions and Order and issue a Site Permit with the conditions proposed by EFP staff to High Prairie Wind Farm II, LLC for the 100.65 MW High Prairie Wind Farm II in Mower County, Minnesota. The site permit issued by the PUC authorizes High Prairie Wind Farm II, LLC to construct and operate the proposed large wind energy conversion system in accordance with the conditions contained in the site permit and in compliance with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes section 216F.04 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 4401.

The motion was adopted, 4-0.

PL9/CN-07-464

**In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Pipeline for a Certificate of Need for a Large
Petroleum Pipeline**

Commissioner Johnson moved that the Commission vary Minn. Rules, part 7853.0200, subd. 7 to extend the period for Commission action on completeness of the Enbridge application for an unspecified but reasonable period of time, with the understanding that the meeting to review the request would be held as soon as practicable following receipt of the written comment.

The motion was adopted, 4-0.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: MAY 23, 2007

Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary