

The Commission met on **Thursday, August 9, 2007**, with Chair Koppendrayer and Commissioners Johnson and Pugh present.

Comment [COMMENT1]: Minutes by Peter Brown. 6 motions were made.

ENERGY AGENDA

E-203,138/SA-07-478

In the Matter of a Joint Petition by Alexandria Light and Power and Runestone Electric Association for Approval of Service Territory Transfer

Commissioner Johnson moved that the Commission approve the Petition.

The motion was adopted, 3-0.

E-002/M-02-633

In the Matter of a Petition by Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Approval of 2007 Emissions Reduction Project Revenue Requirement and Tracker Balance Report

Commissioner Koppendrayer moved that the Commission approve Xcel's proposal and clarify that consistent with the Settlement and March 3, 2004 Order in this matter the actual costs of the project are subject to Commission review, audit, and any resulting true-up at a later date.

The motion was adopted, 3-0.

IP-6630/WS-07-318

In the Matter of the Application of Comfrey Wind Energy, LLC for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the Comfrey Wind Project in Brown and Cottonwood Counties

Commissioner Pugh moved that the Commission

1. accept the Comfrey Wind Energy, LLC, Application for up to a 31.5 Megawatt LWECS; and
2. authorize the Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Facilities Permitting staff to name a public advisor for this project.

The motion was adopted, 3-0.

PL,E-280/GP-06-1481

In the Matter of the Application of the Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission for a Pipeline Routing Permit and Partial Exemption from Pipeline Route Selection Procedures for the Nashwauk-Blackberry Natural Gas Pipeline Project

Commissioner Pugh moved that the Commission

1. accept the revised Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission pipeline route permit Application under the full pipeline route selection procedures and grant NPUC's request to convert the current docket (PL, E280/GP-06-1481) to the full review process; and
2. authorize the Department to establish a citizen advisory committee with the charge and structure recommended by the Department as follows:

The CAC is to advise the Commission in evaluating route alternatives for the proposed Nashwauk – Blackberry Pipeline.

CAC members will be solicited, as required by Minn. Rules part 4415.0060, from the following governmental units:

- Arrowhead Regional Development Commission
- Itasca County
- City of Taconite
- City of Nashwauk
- City of Coleraine
- City of Bovey
- City of Calumet
- Blackberry Township
- Trout Lake Township
- Greenway Township
- Nashwauk Township
- Arbo Township
- Iron Range Township
- Greenway Township
- Goodland Township
- Loan Pine Township
- Wawina Township
- Sago Township
- St. Louis County

The CAC will comprise no more than 18 members.

The citizen advisory committee is charged as follows:

The CAC members will assist the Commission in determining (1) what routes should be evaluated and (2) what impacts and issues should be considered in the comparative environmental analysis of all pipeline routes accepted for consideration by the Commission. CAC members are expected to participate with Department of Commerce Energy Facilities Permitting staff in up to three working meetings and develop a summary report for the Commission containing their recommendations.

The CAC will expire upon the Commission's decision of what routes shall be accepted for consideration at the public hearing.

The Department's EFP staff is directed to compile a list of names for possible appointment to the CAC.

The motion was adopted, 3-0.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

P-6263/PA-07-386

In the Matter of an Application by Yak Communications, Inc. for a Transfer of Control

Commissioner Johnson moved that the Commission

1. approve the transfer of control of Yak Communications (America) Inc. (Yak or the Company) ;
2. direct the Company to submit a check for \$1,000 payable to the Department of Commerce in lieu of penalties authorized by Minn. Stat. §237.74, subd. 11 with the understanding that the Department of Commerce will deposit the remittance into the State of Minnesota General Fund;
3. clarify that the Company's agreement to this settlement is not an admission of a knowing and intentional violation of Minnesota law;
4. direct that payment of this settlement is due within 30 days of the receipt of this Order; and
5. clarify that Yak Communications (America) Inc. will continue to provide interexchange services under its current authority.

The motion was adopted, 3-0.

P-5593/M-07-647

In the Matter of the Petition of C-I Communications, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

Commissioner Pugh moved that the Commission

1. find that C-I Communications, Inc. (CICOM) has made a credible showing of its capability and intent to provide and advertise an affordable, quality offering, including the nine federally supported services, throughout its proposed service area, and that its designation is in the public interest; and
2. approve CICOM's petition for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in the Crosby exchange of Embarq, Minnesota, Inc.

The motion was adopted, 3-0

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

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: AUGUST 22, 2007

Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary