

The Commission met on **Thursday, September 6, 2007**, with Commissioners Boyd, Pugh and Reha present.

Comment [COMMENT1]: Minutes by Marcia Johnson. 10 motions were made.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

### **P-5695/M-07-795**

#### **In the Matter of a Petition to Relinquish Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) Status in Certain Minnesota Exchanges**

Commissioner Pugh moved that the Commission:

- A. Approve Western Wireless's petition.
- B. Permit Western Wireless to relinquish its ETC status in the service areas specified in Exhibit A. of its petition.
- C. Require, as a compliance matter, that Western Wireless file an updated BUS informational tariff to reflect is revised ETC area.

The motion passed, 3-0.

### **P-421/M-07-836**

#### **In the Matter of the Unilateral Decision by Qwest to Stop Posting CLEC Contracts for DSL (Broadband Service) on its Website**

Commissioner Pugh moved that the Commission close the docket without prejudice, with the understanding that Qwest will petition for modification of the Commission's prior processes regarding the filing or posting of DSL agreements.

The motion passed, 3-0.

## ENERGY AGENDA

### **IP-6650/WS-07-1073**

#### **In the Matter of the Application for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the Glacial Ridge Wind Project in Pope County**

Commissioner Boyd moved that the Commission:

- A. Accept the Glacial Ridge Wind Project, LLC site permit application and amended application, for a 20 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS).

- B. Authorize the Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Facilities Permitting staff to name a public advisor for this project.
- C. Make a preliminary determination that a draft site permit may be issued.
- D. Approve the attached proposed draft site permit for the Glacial Ridge Wind Project, LLC, for distribution and public comment.
- E. Authorize EFP staff to carry out the public participation process found in Minnesota Rule 7836.0900.

The motion passed, 3-0.

**IP-6605/WS-06-1445**

**In the Matter of the Application of Kenyon Wind, LLC, for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit for a 18.9 Megawatt Wind Farm in Goodhue County**

Commissioner Pugh moved that the Commission decline to reconsider the July 18, 2007 Order Issuing Site Permit.

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 Pugh moved that the Commission vary Minn. Rules, Part 7849.0200, subp. 5, to extend the period for commission action on the substantial completeness of the application for an unspecified but reasonable period of time, with the understanding that the meeting to review application completeness will be held as soon as practicable following receipt of the written comments.

The motion passed, 3-0.

**E-015/WS-07-676**

**In the Matter of the Application for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the Taconite Ridge I Wind Energy Center in St. Louis County**

Commissioner moved that the Commission:

- A. Adopt the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order.
- B. Issue the site permit to Minnesota Power for up to a 25 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System in St. Louis County.

The motion passed, 3-0.

**IP-6630/WS-07-318**

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

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission:

- A. Make a preliminary determination that a draft site permit be issued.
- B. Approve the draft site permit for distribution and public comment.
- C. Authorize EFP staff to implement the public participation process found in Minn. Rules 4401.0550.

The motion passed, 3-0.

**E-017/M-07-910**

**In the Matter of the Electric Service Agreement with Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC**

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission approve the proposed Electrical Service Agreement between Otter Tail Power and Enbridge, with the amendment proposed by the Department and accepted by Otter Tail Power.

The motion passed, 3-0.

**G-002/M-06-681**

**In the Matter of a Petition by Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Approval of an Extension of a Rule Variance to Use a Monthly Demand Cost True-up Mechanism**

Commissioner Pugh moved that the Commission grant a two-year extension (i.e. October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2008) of the variance of Minn. Rule, Part 7825.2700, subp. 5, and retain the existing reporting requirements.

The motion passed, 3-0.

**G-002/C-06-155**

**In the Matter of a Formal Complaint and Request for Investigation by Linwood Township**

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission:

- A. Approve the proposed communication plan, direct Xcel to file the attachment containing the criteria for extensions within 30 days of the order, and direct Xcel to work with commission staff on the wording of the communication letter.

- B. Approve the proposed tariff modifications to Section 5.1 and 5.3 in concept; direct Xcel to work with commission staff and the Department regarding wording changes for clarification and appropriate definitions to be included for the REM; delegate to the Executive Secretary authority to approve such revisions.
- C. Deny the changes to the NAS tariff.

The motion passed, 3-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: SEPTEMBER 19, 2007**

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**Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary**