

The Commission met on **Thursday, September 27, 2007**, with Chair Koppendrayer and Commissioners Boyd, Johnson, and Reha present.

Comment [COMMENT1]: Minutes by Carol Casebolt. 7 motions were made.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission.

## ENERGY AGENDA

### **IP-6629/WS-07-297**

#### **In the Matter of a Site Permit Application for the 55 MW Bear Creek Wind Project in the Minnesota Counties of Otter Tail and Todd**

Commissioner Johnson moved that the Commission deny the request for a contested case hearing and refer the Woetzels' request to the Department of Commerce for incorporation as a public comment in the record used to develop its comments and recommendations on a final permitting decision.

The motion passed 4-0.

### **E-999/CI-04-1616**

#### **In the Matter of a Commission Investigation into a Multi-State Tracking and Trading System for Renewable Energy Credits**

Chair Koppendrayer moved to require all electric utilities covered under Minn. Stat. § 216B.1691 to participate in M-RETS, by completing Steps 1 to 3, as outlined in the staff briefing materials, by January 1, 2008, and to make a substantial and good faith effort to achieve Steps 4 and 5 by March 1, 2008. If utilities determine that governance and functionality issues have not been satisfactorily resolved and that they are therefore unable to meet these deadlines, they must file an explanation and request for extension with the Commission prior to the deadlines.

The motion passed 4-0.

### **E-002/M-07-359**

#### **In the Matter of the Request by Northern States Power Company D/B/A Xcel Energy for Acceptance of Non-Standard Contract Forms**

Chair Koppendrayer moved that the Commission

- Take no action at this time regarding the changes in Xcel's non-proprietary, non-standard contracts that are on file with the Department but not included in its Electric Rate Book.
- Direct Xcel to file its non-proprietary, non-standard contracts that are on file with

the Department but not included in its Electric Rate Book with the Commission for individual review, classification and, if required, approval.

The motion passed 4-0.

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENDA**

### **P-5335/RV-07-959**

#### **In the Matter of the Revocation of Preferred Carrier Services, Inc.'s Certificate of Authority**

Commissioner Boyd moved to revoke the company's certificate of authority, as recommended by the Department of Commerce.

The motion passed 4-0.

### **P-5321, 421/IC-07-695**

#### **In the Matter of Qwest and Verizon Business Escalation Agreement**

Commissioner Johnson moved that the Commission:

- Reconsider and cancel the July 17, 2007 Special Notice and Order.
- Require Qwest and Verizon to file an amendment to modify or remove the approved Business Escalation Agreement Amendment.
- Require that the revised Qwest/Verizon Business Escalation Agreement be filed for review in accordance with Commission requirements for review of commercial agreements.

The motion passed 4-0.

### **P-999/DI-07-204**

#### **In the Matter of the Petition of the Minnesota Department of Commerce Regarding Regulation of Inmate Telephone Service**

Chair Koppendrayer moved that the Commission deny the petition for reconsideration and amendment.

The motion passed 4-0.

**P-421/CI-07-661**

**In the Matter of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's Inquiry Regarding the Petition of Qwest Corporation, Filed with the Federal Communications Commission, for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C, § 160 (c) in the Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Statistical Area**

Chair Koppendrayer moved that the Commission forward the record developed in this case to the Federal Communications Commission for its consideration and to make no recommendation for or against forbearance.

The motion passed 3-1. Commissioner Johnson voted no.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: OCTOBER 10, 2007**

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**Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary**