

The Commission met on **Thursday, October 11, 2007**, with Chair Koppendrayer and Commissioners Boyd, Johnson, Pugh, and Reha present.

Comment [COMMENT1]: Minutes by Carol Casebolt. 5 motions were made.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission.

ENERGY AGENDA

E-002/M-07-426

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Approval of an Electric CIP Adjustment

Commissioner Johnson moved to

- approve a 2006 electric conservation improvement financial incentive of \$9,973,022;
- approve an electric C.P. adjustment factor of \$0.0004 per customer kWh; and
- require Xcel to notify customers of the new C.P. Adjustment Rider rate.

The motion passed 5-0.

G-022/GR-06-1148

In the Matter of the Application of Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc., a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of Greater Minnesota Synergy, Inc., for Authority to Increase Rates for Natural Gas Service in the State of Minnesota

Commissioner Boyd moved that the Commission

- (1) Accept the Company's compliance filing as modified by the corrected financial schedules prepared by staff.
- (2) Authorize the Company to implement new, final base rates on November 1, 2007 by dropping in final rates on customer bills starting November 1, 2007.
- (3) Approve the Company's proposed interim rates refund plan, modified to reflect the November 1, 2007 effective date for final rates, with the recommendation that the refund start no later than November 27, 2007, or as soon thereafter as practical.
- (4) Require the Company to submit a compliance filing within ten days of completing the refund process, showing, by customer class, actual refund amounts paid and interest paid, and showing calculations.
- (5) Approve the Operating Income Summary, revised 10-11-07 and prepared by staff,

as reflecting the Commission's decisions in this rate case.

- (6) Require the Company to file its entire tariff within ten days of the Commission's determination.
- (7) Defer any decision on the base cost of gas to docket G-022/MR-07-1183.

The motion passed 5-0.

G-022/MR-07-1183

In the Matter of a Petition by Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc., a Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Greater Minnesota Synergy, Inc., to Establish a New Base Cost of Gas to Coincide with the Implementation of Final Rates in Docket No. G-022/GR-06-1148

Commissioner Boyd moved to approve an overall new base cost of gas of \$3,661,507 as well as the per Mcf demand rate of \$0.88756, as shown on an attachment prepared by staff, effective with implementation of final rates in docket G-022/GR-06-1148.

The motion passed 5-0.

E-999/M-07-1028

In the Matter of the 2007 Biennial Transmission Projects Report

Commissioner Johnson moved to authorize the Executive Secretary to exercise his authority to accept the 2007 biennial transmission projects report in the form of a CD instead of a paper filing.

The motion passed 5-0.

ET-6131,ET-2,ET-6130, ET-10, ET-6444,E-017, ET-9/CN-05-619

In the Matter of the Application of Otter Tail Power Company and Others for Certification of Transmission Facilities in Western Minnesota

Chair Koppendrayer moved that the Commission adopt the Applicants' proposed schedule as guidelines for a contested case proceeding regarding the Applicants' revised project, recognizing that the ALJ will adopt a schedule for conduct of the contested case hearing after considering these guideline dates and the views of the parties:

- *November 5, 2007* – Applicants' Prefiled Direct Testimony

- *November 26, 2007* – Rebuttal Testimony, All Parties other than Applicants
- *December 10, 2007* – Surrebuttal Testimony, All Parties
- *December 17-19, 2007* – Supplemental Evidentiary Hearings
- *January 7, 2007* – Parties' Briefs in Support, Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendations (no reply)
- *February 1, 2007* – Issuance of ALJ's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation
- **February 8, 2008** – Exceptions to ALJ's Report, Briefs in Support
- *February 15, 2008* – Reply Briefs
- *February 28, 2008* – Oral Arguments before the Commission
- *March 6, 2007* – Commission Deliberations and Decision

The motion passed 4-1. Commissioner Reha voted no.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: OCTOBER 31, 2007

Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary