

The Commission met on **Thursday, October 25, 2007**, with Chair Koppendrayer and Commissioners Boyd, Johnson, Pugh and Reha present.

Comment [COMMENT1]: Minutes by Eric Witte, Peter Brown, and Marcia Johnson. 6 motions were made.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

P-6420/PA-07-1185

In the Matter of an Application for a Transfer of Control of AccessLine Communications Corporation to Telanetics, Inc.

Commissioner Pugh moved to do the following:

1. Grant the petition to transfer of control of AccessLine Communications Corporation (ACC) to Telanetics, Inc., with the understanding that ACC will continue to provide interexchange services under its current authority.
2. Accept the check for \$1000 payable to the Minnesota Department of Commerce (the Department) in lieu of penalties authorized by Minnesota Statutes § 237.74, subdivision 11, acknowledge that the settlement does not imply an admission of a knowing and intentional violation of Minnesota law, and direct the Department to deposit the remittance into the State of Minnesota General Fund.

The motion passed, 5-0.

P-6333, 6197/C-07-1133

In the Matter of CP Telecom's Complaint Against AVVID Technologies

Commissioner Johnson moved to do the following:

1. Allow AVVID Technologies (AVVID) to continue current operations and have AVVID repay the amount owed to CP Telecom according to the terms of the proposed Promissory Note.
2. Direct AVVID to submit reports on a quarterly basis, beginning December 31, 2007, for the next year detailing AVVID's financial status and its progress in achieving its goals of paying off CP Telecom, moving AVVID toward a position of profitability, and addressing customer complaints and resolving service quality issues.

The motion passed, 5-0.

P-3012, et al./C-07-1197

In the Matter of Verizon's Verified Complaint to Reduce the Intrastate Switched Access Charges of Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative

Item pulled.

P-3012, et al./C-07-1198

In the Matter of Verizon's Verified Complaint to Reduce the Intrastate Switched Access Charges of Embarq Minnesota, Inc.

Item pulled.

E-017/M-03-30

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Petition for a monthly Fuel Clause Adjustment True-up Mechanism - Compliance Report

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission approve OTP's compliance report and the new annual true-up rate of a decrease of 0.4 mills per kWh.

The motion passed, 5-0.

E-111,002/SA-07-1231

In the Matter of Service Territory Clarification/Modification between Dakota Electric Association and Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy

Commissioner Pugh moved that the Commission give notice to interested parties prior to the Commission's hearing on the matter and to approve the petition at that hearing.

The motion passed, 5-0.

ET-2/RP-05-1100

In the Matter of Great River Energy's 2005 Integrated Resource Plan

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission grant GRE's request for an extension to file its IRP no later than July 1, 2008, with the understanding that GRE will answer questions about the Cooperative's need for additional resources as requested by the Department and with the requirements recommended by Excelsior Energy which include the following:

1. Address any newly legislated CO2 management and reduction goals and policies in Minnesota statute;
2. Consider opportunities for the installation of distribution generation as required under Minn. Stat. §216B.2426;

3. Provide clear, consistent, and transparent information about the natural gas prices and forecasts used in its resource plan, making as much of that information public as possible,
4. Provide the results of model runs using base case, high and low gas price assumptions, and be as clear as possible about the sensitivity of the resource outcomes to the gas price assumptions; and
5. Clearly discuss why GRE believes that its models use reasonable assumptions (in light of, e.g., actual annual aggregate volume of natural gas consumed for power generation for GRE's owned and contracted natural gas plants and current natural gas storage and transportation capacity in Minnesota) and produce logical results.

The motion passed, 5-0.

**ET-6, ET-6132/RP-06-977
in the Matter of Minnkota Power Cooperative's 2006-2020 Integrated Resource Plan**

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission:

1. Neither accept nor reject Minnkota's Resource plan and require Minnkota to include the following in its next IRP:
 - A. Demand Side Resources
 1. While supporting load management programs to alleviate peaks that might threaten system reliability, Minnkota should avoid using load management programs as a load-building tool;
 2. The Joint System should work with all its member owners to develop an achievable potential study;
 3. The Joint System should coordinate the reporting of all of its members' conservation improvement programs to the Department;
 4. The Joint System should work with all of its members to maximize the effectiveness of its members' conservation programs; and
 5. The Joint system should model how its load management and potential energy conservation projects interact with potential supply side resources to provide its members' customers the least-cost plan, including environmental costs.
 - B. The Joint System should continue to update the Commission on its status with a regional transmission organization /independent transmission operator in the future and detail its effect on the Joint System transmission planning process.
 - C. Minnkota shall timely provide a forecast of the availability of Schedule L energy over its planning period of 2007 through 2020.
2. The Commission determines that Minnkota has made a good faith effort toward meeting

its Renewable Energy Objectives.

3. Minnkota shall file its next REO/RES on or before July 1, 2008.
4. The Commission herein varies its Rules and authorizes Minnkota to file its next IRP on or before July 1, 2010.

The motion passed, 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: NOVEMBER 7, 2007

Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary