

The Commission met on **Thursday, April 29, 2004**, with Commissioners Johnson, Nickolai, and Scott present. Commissioner Scott presided as chair.

**Comment [COMMENT1]:** Minutes by Carol Casebolt. 4 motions were made.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission.

#### **ENERGY AGENDA**

##### **E-015/M-04-81**

##### **In the Matter of a Second Restated Electric Service Agreement Between Minnesota Power and ME Global, Inc.**

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the agreement, grant the requested variance from Minn. Rules, part 7825.3200, and require the Company to address the issues surrounding its recurring need for this variance in the next electric service agreement filing in which it requests it.

The motion passed 3-0.

##### **E-016/M-04-364**

##### **In the Matter of Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company's Report and Proposed Annual Standards Pursuant to Minnesota Rules Chapter 7826**

Commissioner Scott moved to accept the filing and set the reliability goals as recommended by the Department of Commerce.

The motion passed 3-0.

##### **Docket No. E-111/M-03-2042**

##### **In the Matter of Dakota Electric Association's 2004 Annual Conservation Report**

Commissioner Scott moved that the Commission accept the Department's recommendations beginning on page 18 of the Department's March 9, 2004 comments for the reasons given by the Department, except for items 24 and 25, which have already been satisfied by Dakota in its March 19, 2004 reply comments.

The motion passed 3-0.

**U-999/R-02-2090**

**In the Matter of Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Notice of Certificate of Need Applications for High-Voltage Transmission Lines, Minnesota Rules, part 7829.2550**

Commissioner Nickolai moved to approve the rules draft as published in the *State Register* and authorize staff to take the steps necessary to complete the rulemaking process.

The motion passed 3-0.

There being no further energy business, the meeting was recessed until the telecommunications meeting later that morning.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: MAY 12, 2004**

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**Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary**