

The Commission met on **Thursday, October 7, 2004**, with Chairperson Koppendraye and Commissioners Johnson, Nickolai, Pugh, and Reha present.

Comment [COMMENT1]: Minutes by Peter Brown. 9 motions were made.

Before considering items on the Energy Agenda, the Commission considered items on the meeting's Telecommunications Agenda. Minutes of that portion of the meeting are not shown here but may be found in the Telecommunications Section of this website.

ENERGY AGENDA

E-015/M-04-509

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Annual Safety, Reliability and Service Quality Standards Report and Proposed Standards

Commissioner Nickolai moved that the Commission accept Minnesota Power's annual filing and set the reliability standards as proposed by the Department of Commerce, as clarified by the Company;

The motion passed 5-0.

E-016/M-04-510

In the Matter of Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company's 2004 Annual Safety, Reliability and Service Quality Report and Proposed Standards

Commissioner Johnson moved that the Commission

1. accept NWECC's annual filing;
2. grant a retroactive and permanent variance to Minnesota Rules 7826.1700;
3. set the Company's reliability standards for 2004 as proposed by the Department of Commerce; and
4. require NWECC to begin tracking response times for service extension requests for locations not previously served by the Company

The motion passed 5-0.

E-002/M-04-511

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Annual Safety, Reliability and Service Quality Report and Proposed Standards

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission

1. approve the 2004 reliability performance goals as amended and proposed by the Company

- in its August 20, 2004 filing;
2. require the Company to file, on a going forward basis, a copy of every notification of an outage event sent to the Consumer Affairs Office which meets the 500 customers out for over an hour standard; and
 3. require the Company to include, on a going forward basis, data regarding credit calls but not calls from C&I customers in its calculation of call center response times.

The motion passed 5-0.

E-001/M-04-514

In the Matter of Interstate Power and Light Company's Annual Safety, Reliability and Service Quality Report and Proposed Standards

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission

1. accept IPL's annual Safety, Reliability and Service Quality filing and the following recommendations made by the Department of Commerce;
2. require IPL to provide a supplemental report to fulfill the requirements under Minn. Rules, part 7826.0500, subp. 1(G) and provide copies of utility reporting to the Consumer Affairs Office under Minn. Rules 7826.0700, subp. 1;
3. grant a variance with respect to 7826.1300-.1600 until the Company's 2006 annual filing;
4. require IPL to provide further explanation and support for its requested variance to Minn. Rules, parts 7826.1300 through .1600;
5. require IPL to submit a compliance plan and progress report in four months detailing the actions it has or will take to achieve shorter response times to calls to its office and outage calls handled by an automated system; and
6. approve the 2004 reliability standards proposed by the Department of Commerce.

The motion passed 5-0.

E-017/M-04-516

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Annual Safety, Reliability and Service Quality Report and Proposed Standards for 2004

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission

1. accept Otter Tail's annual Safety, Reliability and Service Quality filing;
2. set the 2004 reliability performance goals as proposed by the Department of Commerce;

and

3. grant a variance to Minn. Rules part 7826.1700 for 2004 data, with the understanding that the Company will report the data that they have for that year.

The motion passed 5-0.

E-111/M-04-520

In the Matter of Dakota Electric Association's 2004 Annual Safety, Reliability and Service Quality Report and Proposed Standards

Commissioner Nickolai moved that the Commission

1. accept DEA's annual Safety, Reliability and Service Quality filing;
2. approve reliability standards for 2004 as proposed by the Department of Commerce; and
3. deny the establishment of a 10 percent performance band, with the understanding the if DEA determines that the adoption of this standard is causing it to make investments that are not cost effective, DEA can come back to the Commission and request that the Commission look at the appropriateness of the standard at that time.

The motion passed 5-0.

G,E-999/AA-03-1264

In the Matter of the Review of the 2003 Annual Automatic Adjustment of Charges for All Gas and Electric Utilities

G-011/AA-03-1380

In the Matter of a Request by Aquila Networks-PNG, an Operating Division of Aquila, Inc., for Approval of its 2003 True-up Filing

G-007/AA-03-1379

In the Matter of a Request by Aquila Networks-NMU, an Operating Division of Aquila, Inc., for Approval of its 2003 True-up Filing

Commissioner Nickolai moved that the Commission refer this matter to the Office of Administrative hearings for contested case proceedings

The motion passed 5-0.

E-002/M-04-355

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Approval of a Second Amendment to a Power Purchase Agreement with Lake Benton Power Partners I, LLC

Commissioner Koppendrayer moved that the Commission deny the petition as recommended by the Department.

The motion passed 5-0.

E-002/M-04-354

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Approval of an Amendment to a Wind Generation Purchase Agreement with Lake Benton Power Partners II, LLC

Commissioner Koppendrayer moved that the Commission deny the petition as recommended by the Department.

The motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: OCTOBER 19, 2004

Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary