

The Commission met on **Thursday, April 3, 2003**, with Chair Koppendraye, Commissioners Gavin, Johnson, and Scott present.

Comment [COMMENT1]: Minutes by Ann Pollack. 2 motions were made.

## ENERGY AGENDA

### ET6,6132/RP-02-1145

In the Matter of the 2002 Integrated Resource Plan of Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. and Northern Municipal Power Agency

Commissioner Johnson moved that the Commission

1. accept the 2002 Integrated Resource Plan submitted by Minnkota and NMPA as meeting the requirements of the applicable statute and rules;
2. accept only the Department's recommendations regarding analytical procedures for and content of Minnkota's next resource plan filing not objected to by Minnkota:
  - a. Minnkota should set up and include in its next filing a chart cross-indexing rule requirements and sections that address those requirements; this would aid Minnkota in preparing a complete filing and would speed the completeness review;
  - b. Minnkota should provide an update on whether it actually has exercised options on Square Butte and whether it will continue to do so in future years;
  - c. Minnkota should include a discussion on its ability to meet Minn. Stat. § 216B.1691;
  - d. Minnkota should discuss its potential affiliation with a regional transmission organization in the future and detail any effects that regional transmission organizations have on the Cooperative's transmission planning process;
  - e. Minnkota should continue to examine the use of time-of-day or real-time pricing as an additional demand-side resource;
  - f. Minnkota should consider determining the optimal level of demand-side resources if it needs to construct generation or transmission in Minnesota in the near future;
  - g. Minnkota should work with its member systems and NMPA to determine energy and demand savings attributable to conservation efforts; and
  - h. Minnkota should explain more fully how the MACT requirements could affect the Joint System; and
3. vary Minn. Rules, part 7843.0300, subp. 2 and require Minnkota and NMPA to file their

next resource plan on or before January 1, 2006.

The motion passed 4-0.

**E,G-002/CI-02-2034**

In the Matter of an Investigation and Audit of Northern States Power Company's Service Quality Reporting

Commissioner Scott moved that the Commission take the following action:

- direct that the investigation continue as described in the Xcel Service Quality Investigation Progress Report submitted by Fraudwise and include the following additional components:
  - "X'ing" a job;
  - an opinion on the validity of the numbers and assertions made by Xcel in terms of its compliance with standards in 2001 and 2002;
- direct that Xcel communicate with its employees, both through the Company newsletter and conveyed directly by the Vice President of Delivery and Field Operations to his employees, on the following matters:
  - the nature of the investigation;
  - that employees are encouraged to speak freely and openly with the investigators;
  - provide the 800 number for Fraudwise and the name of a Fraudwise contact person;
  - distinguish the investigation being carried out by Fraudwise from the investigation previously carried out by the Company's law firm;
- direct that the language to be used in the Company newsletter, after review by the parties, be submitted to the Commission by Monday, April 7, 2003;
- direct Xcel to pay the current Fraudwise bill and pay all future Fraudwise bills within 30 days;
- put the Company on notice that the new system that it is putting in place needs to produce data that meets the standard and not rely on existing systems that cannot meet the standard;
- require that the Company file a letter indicating compliance;

The motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION

Approval Date:

April 14, 2003

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Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary

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