

The Commission met on **Thursday, October 2, 2003**, with Chair Koppendray and Commissioners Johnson, Nickolai, Reha and Scott present.

Comment [COMMENT1]: Minutes by Carol Casebolt. 3 motions were made.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission.

G-007, 011/CI-01-501

In the Matter of an Investigation into UtiliCorp's Gas Supply Services Department

G,E-999/AA-00-1027

G-011/AA-00-1179 and G-007/AA-00-1178

In the Matter of the Review of the 2000 Annual Automatic Adjustment of Charges for All Gas and Electric Utilities

G-011/AA-01-1348

G-007/AA-01-1354

In the Matter of Peoples Natural Gas Company's 2001 Annual Automatic Adjustment Report and Northern Minnesota Utilities' 2001 Annual Automatic Adjustment Report

G,E-999/AA-02-950

G-011/AA-02-1449

G-011/AA-02-1450

G-011/AA-02-1448

G-007/AA-02-1447

In the Matter of the 2002 Annual Automatic Adjustment of Charges for All Gas and Electric Utilities

Commissioner Nickolai recused himself in this case.

Commissioner Johnson moved that the Commission take the following action:

- accept the settlement agreement submitted by Aquila, the Department of Commerce, and the Residential and Small Business Utilities Division of the Office of the Attorney General; and
- require Aquila to submit a report on the agreed-upon refund within 30 days of completing the refund.

The motion passed 4-0.

E-017/M-03-970

In the Matter of the Petition of Otter Tail Power Company to Revise its Cost of Energy Adjustment Clause Tariff to Accommodate Purchased Energy from Renewable Resources

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission approve the agreement between the Company

and the Department of Commerce, including the following:

- Otter Tail will recover 90% of its purchased power costs for the wind generation at issue through the fuel clause;
- Otter Tail will defer the remaining 10% of these costs with the potential for true-up;
- Otter Tail will provide the Department of Commerce with copies of the contract(s) at issue;
- Otter Tail and the Department will meet for further discussions when the Company's wind generation is fully operative and accreditation data is available from the Mid-Continent Area Power Pool;
- The costs of generation associated with the Company's *TailWinds* project are not affected by this docket;
- Otter Tail will revise its tariff in accordance with the terms of its agreement with the Department of Commerce;
- This matter will come back to this Commission for further evaluation in one year.

The motion passed 5-0.

E-002/M-02-633

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Approval of a Rate Rider to Recover Costs for Emissions Reduction Proposal

Commissioner Nickolai moved to approve Xcel's request for deferred accounting and to require the Company, if and when it is determined that construction will not commence, to propose an amortization period to commence at the time the costs at issue are recorded to the deferred account.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: OCTOBER 8, 2003

Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary