

The Commission met on **Thursday, March 28, 2002**, with Chair Scott and Commissioners Garvey, Johnson, Koppendrayer and Reha present.

Comment [COMMENT1]: Minutes by Eric Witte. 3 motions were made.

ENERGY AGENDA

The following items were taken up by the Commission:

ET-10/RP-01-1058

In the Matter of the 2002-2016 Integrated Resource Plan of Missouri Basin Municipal Power Agency d/b/a Missouri River Energy Services

Commissioner Garvey moved to –

- accept the current resource plan of Missouri River Energy Services (MRES), including its energy and demand forecasts, as adequately meeting the requirements of current statutes and rules governing resource planning;
- request that MRES carefully consider the recommendations of the Department of Commerce (Department) for changes and discuss in its next resource plan the changes made and the reasons other changes were not made;
- request that MRES address the environmental issues raised by the Department and the staff on or before July 1, 2004; and
- require MRES to file its next resource plan on or before July 1, 2005.

The motion passed 5-0.

E-103/M-02-105

In the Matter of Energy Cents Coalition Complaint Against Beltrami Electric Cooperative

Commissioner Scott moved that the Commission –

- direct the Department to conduct an investigation of the issues raised in the complaint, involve the Residential and Small Business Utilities Division of the Office of Attorney General (RUD-OAG) and the Commission's Consumer Affairs Office, and facilitate resolution of issues between Energy Cents Coalition (ECC) and Beltrami Electric Cooperative (BEC) as the investigation proceeds;

- encourage the Department, after the parties have had an opportunity for comments and an exchange of information, to meet with the parties to address these issues, involving the RUD-OAG and the Commission's Office of Consumer Affairs in this meeting;
- acknowledge BEC's agreement to 1) remove all the service limiters that are currently in place, wherever located, in BEC service territory and 2) not disconnect any more service during the remainder of the winter heating season (until April 15), subject to negotiating a reasonable payment plan;
- accept into the record the BEC customer signatures affidavits submitted today by the complainant in support of its complaint;
- request that if all issues are not resolved in the course of the Department's investigation, that the Department file a report, which shall, among other things, indicate 1) for each item in dispute whether the dispute is over a service standard or practice and 2) whether the Department has found disparity of treatment between BEC's Red Lake customers and its other customers; and
- delegate to the Executive Secretary the authority to provide for additional comment periods and procedural steps as warranted.

The motion passed 5-0.

E-015/PA-01-539

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of Transfer of Operational Control of Transmission Facilities

E-017/PA-01-1391

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Petition for Approval of Transfer of Operational Control of Transmission Facilities to the Midwest Independent System Operator

E-001/PA-01-1505

In the Matter of Interstate Power Company's Petition for Approval of Transfer of Operational Control of Transmission Facilities to the Midwest Independent System Operator

E-002/M-00-257

In the Matter of the Petition for Approval to Transfer Functional Control of Certain Transmission Facilities to the Midwest Independent System Operator.

Commissioner Reha moved to approve the requested transfers to MISO as on January 24, but without requiring the utilities to waive a claim of federal preemption.

The motion passed 5-0.
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION

Approval Date:

April 3, 2002

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary