

The Commission met on **Thursday, November 21, 2002**, with Acting Chair Koppendrayner and Commissioners Gavin, Johnson and Reha present.

**Comment [COMMENT1]:** Minutes by Ann Pollack and Eric Witte. 7 motions were made.

The following items were taken up by the Commission:

### **ENERGY AGENDA**

#### **G-008/AI-01-1378**

In the Matter of a Petition of Reliant Energy Minnegasco (REM) for Approval of Affiliated Interest Agreements Between REM and Entex Gas Resources Corp, a Reliant Energy Company

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the Settlement Agreement but clarify that the denial of the affiliate interest contract while allowing recovery of the cost cannot be used as precedent in any other docket.

The motion passed 4-0.

#### **G-004/MR-02-1719**

In the Matter of a Request by Great Plains Natural Gas Company for Approval to Establish a New Base Cost of Gas to Coincide with the Implementation of Interim Rates in Docket No. G-004/GR-02-1682.

Commissioner Johnson moved to accept the proposed base cost of gas and require Great Plains Natural Gas Company to adjust the rate case cost of gas to equal the base cost of gas as adjustments are made during the litigation of the rate case.

The motion passed 4-0.

#### **G-004/GR-02-1682**

In the Matter of a Petition by Great Plains Natural Gas Company, a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota

Commissioner Johnson moved to do the following:

- Adopt the interim rate proposal as filed by Great Plains Natural Gas Company, a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (Great Plains) adjusted to reflect the disallowance of Chamber of Commerce dues expense of \$5,828 and increase the revenues from the conservation improvement program (CIP) by \$12,317 to make CIP revenue neutral resulting in a revenue deficiency of \$1,367,287.
- Find no exigent circumstances and decline to allow Great Plains to change its rate design for interim rates.
- Require Great Plains to assess all of its customers an equal percentage amount of the interim rate increase.
- For interim rates, authorize Great Plains to use the volumetric surcharges calculated as proposed in Statement E, pp. 1-3, of Great Plain's Interim Rate Petition as

modified by the Commission's financial adjustments and rate design decisions.

- Require Great Plains to submit in a compliance filing a recalculated Statement E of its Interim Rates Petition that shows the actual amount of operating revenue that would be collected using the recalculated interim rate surcharges (billing determinates).
- Authorize Great Plains to show the Interim Rate Adjustment using the format and the revised billing message described in the briefing papers.
- Require Great Plains to modify its interim rates tariff language to reflect this decision.
- Require compliance items described in the briefing papers.

The motion passed 4-0.

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENDA**

### **P-420,421/CP-02-336**

In the Matter of a Petition for Extended Area Service from the Lake Park Exchange to the Detroit Lakes Exchange and the Moorhead/Fargo Calling Area

Commissioner Johnson moved to –

- discontinue processing the Lake Park to Detroit Lakes route due to failure to meet traffic requirements,
- allow the Lake Park to Moorhead/Fargo route to include only the exchanges of Hawley and Glyndon, and
- discontinue processing the Lake Park to Moorhead/Fargo route due to failure to meet traffic requirements and close the current docket.

The motion passed 4-0.

### **P-5733,421/IC-02-1372**

In the Matter of the Petition of Level 3 Communications, LLC for Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement with Qwest Corporation Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(b)

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission adopt the report of the administrative law judge (ALJ's Report) in full except as follows: remove the second sentence at the top of page 3 of the ALJ's Report (including footnote 9) and in its place, add words to the final sentence in the first paragraph at the top of page 2 so that the sentence reads as follows:

The relative use calculation would be applied to the monthly recurring or non-recurring charges billed to Level 3, against which Qwest would apply a credit for any traffic originated by Qwest that is terminated to Level 3.

The motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission require the parties to file a complete interconnection agreement, including both arbitrated and negotiated terms, within 30 days of the issuance of the arbitration Order.

The motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Gavin recused herself.

**P-421/CI-01-1375**

In the Matter of the Commission Review and Investigation of Qwest's Unbundled Network Elements Prices

**P-442,3012,421/M-01-1916**

In the Matter of the Commission's Review and Investigation of Certain Unbundled Network Element Prices of Qwest

Commissioner Johnson moved to reconsider the Commission's ORDER SETTING PRICES AND ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE (October 2, 2002).

The motion failed 2-1. Acting Chair Koppendrayer and Commissioner Reha voted no.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION

Approval Date:

December 12, 2002

Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary