

Public Utilities Commission

Agenda

Thursday, December 20, 2012

9:30 AM start time

Utilities represented: Telecom, Energy Facilities, Electricity, Natural Gas

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DELIBERATION ITEMS

No Items

DECISION ITEMS

****1 P6402/M-11-976**

Budget Prepay, Inc.

In the Matter of the Petition of Budget Prepay, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in Minnesota.

Should the Commission approve Budget Prepay's petition for ETC designation?
(PUC: **O'Grady**)

***2 ET2/CN-12-1235**

Great River Energy

In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy for a Certificate of Need for a 115 kV Transmission Line Project in the Elko New Market and Cleary Lake Areas in Scott and Rice Counties, Minnesota.

Should the Commission vary Minn. Rules, part 7849.0200, subpart 6 to allow more time to consider the exemption request? (PUC: **Ek**)

***3 E015/CN-12-1163**

Minnesota Power

In the Matter of the Request of Minnesota Power for a Certificate of Need for the Great Northern Transmission Line.

Should the Commission vary Minn. Rules 7849.0200, Subp. 6 to provide more time to begin the process for evaluating the exemption request? (PUC: **Kaluzniak**)

***4 E002/CN-08-509**

**Northern States Power, d/b/a Xcel
Energy**

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power d/b/a Xcel Energy for a Certificate of Need for an Extended Power Uprate at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant.

Should the Commission determine that any party has shown cause why the Certificate of Need should not be terminated prospectively? (PUC: **Kaluzniak**)

***4A ET6675/CN-12-1053**

ITC Midwest LLC

In the Matter of the Application of ITC Midwest LLC for a Certificate of Need for the Minnesota-Iowa 345 kV Transmission Line Project in Jackson, Martin, and Faribault Counties, Minnesota.

Should the Commission clarify its December 6, 2012 decision on ITCM's Notice Plan? (PUC: **Ek**)

5 E017/M-12-1079

Otter Tail Power Company

In the Matter of the Annual Petition of Otter Tail Power Company to Update the Composite Rate in its WAPA Bill Crediting Program Rider and Extension of Accounting Variance. (PUC: Morrissey; DOC: Lusti) **Commission Staff Note:** Staff agrees with the DOC recommendation to approve the rate and the variance, with the following addition to the DOC language regarding the rate: Approve OTP's composite rate as identified in its November 14, 2012 Updated Attachment A and its November 28, 2012 supplemental tariff filing of Attachment 1, Exhibit A.

***6 G002/M-12-316**

**Northern States Power Company
d/b/a Xcel Energy**

A Petition Submitted by Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation, Requesting Approval of the Following:

- Conservation Cost Recovery Contained in its Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) Tracker Account for its Natural Gas (gas) CIP, Including a Proposed 2011 Gas Demand Side Management Financial Incentive; and
- a Revised Proposed Gas CIP Adjustment Factor for Each Customer Class.
(PUC: Mackenzie; DOC: Minder)

***7 E002/M-12-1062**

**Northern States Power Company
d/b/a Xcel Energy**

Petition for Approval of the Renewable Development Fund Annual Report, Tracker Account True-up, and Request for New 2013 Rate Rider Factor. (PUC: Mackenzie; DOC: Ouanes)

***8 G007,011/GR-10-977**

Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation, on behalf of its two operating divisions, MERC-PNG and MERC-NMU

In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Authority to Increase Rates for Natural Gas Service in Minnesota.

Should the Commission approve Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation's compliance filing? (PUC: **Bender, Brill, Harding**)

***9 G007,011/MR-12-1028**

Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC)

In the Matter of a Compliance Filing by MERC to Establish a New Base Costs of Gas to Coincide with the Implementation of Final Rates in Docket No. G007,011/GR-10-977, as well as Establish New Base Costs of Gas Rates for the July 1, 2013 Reconfiguration of its PGA Rate Areas.

Should the Commission approve MERC's proposed new base cost of gas? (PUC: **Bender, Harding**)

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**Northern States Power Company
d/b/a Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of Xcel's Petition for approval of 2012 Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR), Project Eligibility, TCR Rate Factors, and 2011 True-up.

Should the Commission approve Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of 2012 TCR Project Eligibility, TCR Rate Factors and True-Up for 2011? (PUC: **Schwieger, Dasinger**)

*** One star indicates agenda item is unusual but is not disputed.**

**** Two stars indicate a disputed item or significant legal or procedural issue to be resolved.
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