Public Utilities Commission
Agenda

Thursday, June 20, 2013

9:30 AM start time

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

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DELIBERATION ITEMS
No Items

DECISION ITEMS

***1 P999/SA-13-381 All Telephone Companies**

In the Matter of State Certification and Submission of Study Area Boundary data (i.e., Telephone Exchange Boundaries) on Behalf of Minnesota Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs), and Annual Process for Updating the Data.

Should the Commission accept the Department's certified study area boundary data as Minnesota's official telephone exchange boundaries, effective June 28, 2013?
Should the Commission approve the digital telephone boundary map resulting from the joint MTA -DOC project for submission to the FCC?
Should the Commission accept the Department's recommended process for annually updating the study area boundary data? (PUC: **Briefing Papers** - **Fournier**)

***2 G007,011/M-13-207 Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation**

Petition Submitted by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation Requesting Approval for an Extension of Variances to Minnesota Rules 7825.2400, 7825.2500 and 7825.2700 (the Purchased Gas Adjustment rules) Originally Approved in Docket No. G007,011/M-03-831 and Extended in Docket Nos. G007,011/M-06-1358, G007,011/M-09-262 and G007,011/M-11-296. (PUC: Harding; DOC: Comments - Heinen)

***3 E017/S-13-378 Otter Tail Power Company**

In the Matter of the Petition of Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of its 2013 Capital Structure and Permission to Issue Securities. (PUC: Kaml;
DOC: Comments - Amit)

***4 E015/M-13-354 Minnesota Power**

Minnesota Power's Request for Approval of an Electric Service Agreement Between Minnesota Power and Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership. (PUC: Kaml; DOC: Comments - Amit)

****5 E.G001/AI-12-32; E.G001/AI-12-187; E,G001/AI-12-192; E,G001/AI-12-792 Interstate Power and Light Company**

In the Matter of IPL's Petition for Approval of a Common Facilities Capacity Agreement with its Affiliate, Franklin County Wind, LLC;
In the Matter of IPL's Petition for Approval of a Land Lease Agreement with its Affiliate, Franklin County Wind, LLC;
In the Matter of IPL's Petition for Approval of a Local Balancing Authority Agreement with its Affiliate, Franklin County Wind, LLC;
In the Matter of Interstate Power and Light Company's Transfer of Land Easements, Wind Rights, and Rights to Purchase Wind Turbines, to its affiliate, Franklin County Wind, LLC.

Should the Commission rehear, reconsider and/or clarify its April 16, 2013 Order Requiring Further Filings? (PUC: **Briefing Papers - Kaml, Morrissey**)

The Commission has the authority to accept or decline a petition for reconsideration **with or without** a hearing or oral argument. (Minnesota Rules 7829.3000, Subpart 6) In other words, a decision on a petition for reconsideration can be made without taking oral comments at the Commission meeting.

****6 E104,114,121,126,145/CG-12-146 Benco Electric Cooperative; Federated Rural Electric Association; Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association; Nobles Cooperative Electric; Tri-County Electric Cooperative (collectively the '"Cooperatives"')**

In the Matter of the Petition by Renewable Energy SD, LLC for Resolution of Cogeneration and Small Power Production Disputes with Benco Electric Cooperative, Federated Rural Electric Association, Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association, Nobles Cooperative Electric and Tri-County Electric Cooperative under Minn. Stat. 216B.164, subd. 5 (the "Petition")

Has Renewable Energy SD, LLC (the "Petitioner", "Renewable Energy SD'1, or "RESD") adequately responded to the Commission's December 17, 2012 Order Granting Motion To Compel In Part?
Should the Commission request additional comments, dismiss the petition, or take some other action at this time? (PUC: **Kaml, Gonzalez**)

****7 E999/AA-11-792 All Commission-Regulated Electric Utilities**

In the Matter of the Review of the 2010-2011 Annual Automatic Adjustment Reports for All Electric Utilities.

1. Should the Commission accept the electric utilities' 2010-2011 annual automatic adjustment reports?
2. Should the Commission accept the uncontested comments, conclusions and recommendations in the Minnesota Department of Commerce's
   - June 1, 2012 Report,
   - July 11, 2012 Supplemental Comments,
   - September 26, 2012 Response to Reply Comments, and
   - December 12, 2012 Response to Additional Reply Comments?
3. Should the Commission require Xcel Electric to refund $76,134 of avoidable wind curtailment?
4. Should the Commission require Xcel Electric, Minnesota Power, and Interstate Electric to make refunds for excess purchased power costs incurred during unplanned forced outages at company-owned and operated generating plants?
   (PUC: **Harding**)

The following items will not be heard before 10:30 am.

***8 E002/TL-12-1151 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy for a Route Permit for the Kohlman Lake to Goose Lake 115 kV Transmission Line Upgrade Project in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

What action should the Commission take regarding route alternatives to be evaluated in the environmental assessment? Should the Commission authorize the development and filing of a permit template for review and comment during the permit proceedings? (PUC: **Ek**)

***9 IP6687/CN-08-951; IP6687/TL-08-988; IP6687/WS-08-1134; Noble Flat Hill I, LLC (Flat Hill Windpark I, LLC)**

In the Matter of Flat Hill Windpark I, LLC's Certificate of Need, Route Permit and Site Permit for its 201 MW Wind Project in Clay County.

What action should the Commission take on the Flat Hill Project and in regard to the Applicant's Petitions? (PUC: **DeBleeckere**)

****10 IP6701/CN-09-1186; New Era Wind Farm, LLC**
IP6701/WS-08-1233;
E002/M-09-1349;
E002/M-09-1350

In the Matter of AWA Goodhue, LLC's Certificate of Need and Site Permit for a 78 Megawatt Large Energy Facility in Goodhue County;
In the Matter of Northern States Power d/b/a Xcel Energy's Power Purchase Agreements with Goodhue Wind, LLC.

What action should the Commission take regarding the New Era Wind Project?
(PUC: **DeBleeckere**)

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**** Two stars indicate a disputed item or significant legal or procedural issue to be resolved.**
(Ex Parte Rules apply)