

Public Utilities Commission

Agenda

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

9:30 AM start time

Utilities represented: Energy Facilities, Electricity

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DELIBERATION ITEMS

No Items

DECISION ITEMS

***1 E002,ET2/TL-09-1056**

**Xcel Energy;
Great River Energy**

**Authorized Minor
Alterations without
Conditions**

In the Matter of the Application for a Route Permit for the Fargo to St. Cloud 345 kV Transmission Line Project.

Should the Commission authorize the minor alteration request? If the minor alteration is approved, should any conditions be required? (PUC: [Briefing Papers](#)- Ek)

***2 ET6675/TL-12-1337**

ITC Midwest LLC

**No action regarding
route alternatives to be
evaluated; approved
issuance of generic
route permit template**

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

What action should the Commission take regarding route alternatives to be evaluated in the environmental impact statement? Should the Commission approve the proposed permit template for review and comment during the permit proceedings?
(PUC: [Briefing Papers](#)- Ek)

****3 E015/RP-13-53**

Minnesota Power

**Resource Plan
approved; requirements
for next Resource Plan
established**

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's 2013-2027 Integrated Resource Plan.

Should the Commission approve MP's 2013-2027 resource plan?

Should the Commission take any further actions in the resource plan?

(PUC: [Briefing Papers](#) - Stalpes)

****4 E015/M-12-1349**

Minnesota Power

Transfer of assets of REC from non-regulated to regulated NOT approved at this time

In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Power for Approval of Transferring the Assets of Rapids Energy Center to Regulated Operations and Approval For Investments and Expenditures in the Rapids Optimization Project for Recovery through Minnesota Power's Renewable Resources Rider under Minn. Stat. § 216B.1645.

1. Should the Commission Approve Minnesota Power's Request to transfer the assets of Rapids Energy Center ("Rapids") from non-regulated operations to regulated operations?
2. Should the Commission approve Minnesota Power's request to include fuel purchases used to generate electricity at Rapids in Minnesota Power's Rider for Fuel and Purchased Energy Adjustment ("FPE Rider")?
3. Should the Commission approve Minnesota Power's request that the energy produced as a result of the Rapids Project, should Minnesota Power pursue this project in the future, will qualify as renewable energy pursuant to the requirements under Minn. Stat. § 216B.1691? (PUC: [Briefing Papers](#) - Fournier)

***5 E015/M-12-1348**

Minnesota Power

Withdrawn

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Request for Approval of an Amended and Restated Electric Service Agreement Between Blandin Paper and Minnesota Power.

Should the Commission approve the proposed Agreement? (PUC: Fournier; DOC: [Comments](#) - Amit) **NOTE:** staff supports the recommendations of the Department of Commerce.

****6 E015/M-11-712;
E015/M-12-734;
E015/M-12-920**

Minnesota Power

Accepted 2011 and 2012 mercury emission reduction plan reports and closed dockets; approved mercury emission reduction plan with conditions; approved rider with conditions; and granted variance from Minn. R. 7825.3600

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Annual Filing in Compliance with Minn. Stat. § 216B.6851, subd. 5 Mercury Emissions Reduction Implementation.

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In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for approval of its Boswell Energy Center Unit 4 Environmental Retrofit Project and Boswell 4 Environmental Improvement Rider

Should the Commission accept Minnesota Power's filings in Dockets E015/M-11-712 and E015/M-12-734 and close the Dockets?

Should the Commission approve Minnesota Power's mercury emission reduction plan for its Boswell Energy Center Unit 4 electric generating station (the "Project")?

Should the Commission, in consultation with the Pollution Control Agency, order Minnesota Power to implement the most stringent mercury-control alternative proposed by the utility under Minn. Stat. §216B.6851?

Should the Commission approve Minnesota Power's Boswell 4 Environmental Improvement Rider? (PUC: [Briefing Papers](#) - Kaml, Gonzalez)

*** 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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