

E-999/R-89-201 ORDER ESTABLISHING FILING SCHEDULE FOR RESOURCE
PLANS

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Establishing a
Schedule for Resource Plan
Filings by Electric Utilities

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

In August of 1990, the Commission adopted rules governing resource planning by Minnesota electric utilities. Minn. Rules, parts 7843.0100 through 7843.0600. Those rules require electric utilities to file proposed resource plans biennially, with the Commission determining by order which utilities shall file initial resource plans in 1991 and which in 1992. Minn. Rules, part 7843.0300, subp. 2.

On August 21, 1990, the Commission issued a notice soliciting comments on which utilities should file in 1991 and which in 1992. The Department of Public Service (the Department) and all affected utilities filed comments.

The matter came before the Commission on November 27, 1990.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

There are four Minnesota electric utilities subject to the resource planning rules: Northern States Power Company (NSP), Minnesota Power (MP), Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail), and Interstate Power Company (Interstate). NSP and MP are significantly larger than Otter Tail and Interstate.

The Commission agrees with the Department that, for purposes of administrative efficiency, one of the larger and one of the smaller utilities should file each year. Since Minnesota Power's capacity needs have been reviewed more recently than NSP's, it is reasonable to require NSP to file in 1991. The

remaining issue is which of the two smaller utilities should file in 1991. Since preliminary review by the Department suggests that Interstate will need additional capacity sooner than Otter Tail, it is reasonable to require Interstate to file in 1991. The Commission will so order.

ORDER

1. Northern States Power Company and Interstate Power Company shall make their initial proposed resource planning filings in 1991.
2. Minnesota Power and Otter Tail Power Company shall make their initial proposed resource planning filings in 1992.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster
Executive Secretary

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