

The Commission met on **Thursday, December 4, 2014**, with Chair Heydinger and Commissioners Boyd, Lange, Lipschultz, and Wergin present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

P-5692,6857/PA-14-817

In the Matter of the Joint Application of MegaPath Corporation and GC Pivotal, LLC d/b/a Global Capacity for Approval to Participate in an Asset Transfer Transaction

Commissioner Lipschultz moved to take the following actions:

1. Authorize GC Pivotal, LLC d/b/a Global Capacity to provide telecommunication services to former MegaPath Corporation customers under its local niche authority upon satisfying the following compliance items:
 - A. Customers must be notified of their transfer from MegaPath Corporation to GC Pivotal, LLC d/b/a Global Capacity.
 - B. Applicants must file a notice of closing within 20 days of completion.
 - C. Global Capacity and MegaPath must both file tariff updates within 30 days of the transaction's closing to reflect changes in the rates, terms and conditions of services being transferred from MegaPath to Global Capacity.
2. Deny Megapath Corporation's request to relinquish its certificate of authority.

The motion passed 5-0.

ENERGY AGENDA

E-015/TL-11-915

In the Matter of the Route Permit Application by Great River Energy for the Enterprise Park to Crooked Lake 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Anoka County, Minnesota

Commissioner Lange moved to take the following actions:

1. Decline to hold a public meeting at this time; and
2. Approve the proposed transfer of the route permit issued by the Commission on August 24, 2012.

The motion passed 5-0.

PL-6668/CN-13-473

In the Matter of the Application of North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC for a Certificate of Need for the Sandpiper Pipeline Project in Minnesota

PL-6668/PPL-13-474

In the Matter of the Application of North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC for a Pipeline Routing Permit for the Sandpiper Pipeline Project in Minnesota

Chair Heydinger moved to deny the motions for reconsideration or rehearing of the Commission's October 7, 2014 Order Separating Certificate of Need and Route Permit Proceedings and Requiring Environmental Review of System Alternatives.

The motion passed 4-1. Commissioner Wergin voted against the motion.

E-221,148/SA-14-825

In the Matter of the Joint Request of the City of Buffalo and Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association to Modify Electric Service Territory Boundaries

Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the requested service territory boundary transfer of Rodeo Hills from the Cooperative to the City.

The motion passed 5-0.

E-002/M-14-814

In the Matter of a Petition by Xcel Energy for Approval of its RDF Report, Tracker Account True-up, and 2015 Rate Rider Factor

Commissioner Wergin moved to take the following actions:

1. Approve Xcel's 2015 RDF rate rider factor of \$0.000563 per kWh as recalculated by the Department to be applied to bills beginning January 2015.
2. Require Xcel to file the revised tariff sheets and bill message containing the corrected factor within 30 days of the Commission's order in this matter.
3. Require Xcel in its next RDF annual tracker report to provide (1) the level of the administrative cost allocator to be used in determining Minnesota jurisdictional RDF expenses and (2) a narrative and documentation in support of the proposed level for the administrative cost allocator.

The motion passed 5-0.

E-016/M-14-666

In the Matter of Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company’s (NWECE’s) 2013 Annual Safety, Reliability, and Service Quality Report and Proposed Annual Reliability Standards for 2014

Commissioner Lange moved to take the following actions:

1. Accept NWECE’s August 6, 2014 safety, reliability, and service quality reports as complying with Minn. Rules, Chapter 7826 and relevant Commission orders.
2. Accept the Department’s proposed 2014 reliability standards at the levels indicated below:

	SAIDI	SAIFI	CAIDI
2014 Standard	212.55	1.52	154.88

The motion passed 5–0.

E-017/M-14-279

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company’s 2013 Annual Safety, Reliability, and Service Quality Report and Proposed Annual Reliability Standards for 2014

Commissioner Wergin moved to take the following actions:

1. Accept Otter Tail’s April 1, 2014 safety, reliability, and service quality report as complying with Minn. Rules, Chapter 7826 and relevant Commission orders.
2. Freeze the 2014 reliability standards at the 2013 levels, as agreed by the parties:

Work Center	SAIDI	SAIFI	CAIDI
Bemidji	70.64	1.26	56.06
Crookston	69.33	1.19	58.26
Fergus Falls	66.97	1.11	60.33
Milbank	75.49	1.82	41.48
Morris	55.78	1.01	55.23
Wahpeton	57.24	1.13	50.65
MN Total	64.95	1.13	57.48

3. Require Otter Tail to augment its next filing to include a description of the policies, procedures, and actions that it has implemented, and plans to implement, to assure reliability, including information on how it is demonstrating proactive management of the system as a whole, increased reliability, and active contingency planning.
4. Require Otter Tail to incorporate into its next filing a summary table that allows the reader to more easily assess the overall reliability of the system and identify the main factors that affect reliability.

- Require Otter Tail to report on the major causes of outages for major event days.

The motion passed 5–0.

E-015/M-14-281

In the Matter of Minnesota Power Company’s (MP’s) 2013 Annual Safety, Reliability, and Service Quality Report and Proposed Annual Reliability Standards for 2014

Commissioner Lange moved to take the following actions:

- Accept MP’s April 1, 2014 safety, reliability, and service quality report as complying with Minn. Rules, Chapter 7826 and relevant Commission orders.
- Accept MP’s proposed 2014 reliability standards at the levels indicated below:

	SAIDI	SAIFI	CAIDI
2014 Standard	97.50	1.02	95.59

- Require MP to augment its next filing to include a description of the policies, procedures, and actions that it has implemented, and plans to implement, to assure reliability, including information on how it is demonstrating proactive management of the system as a whole, increased reliability, and active contingency planning.
- Require MP to incorporate into its next filing a summary table that allows the reader to more easily assess the overall reliability of the system and identify the main factors that affect reliability.

The motion passed 5–0.

E-001/M-14-282

In the Matter of Interstate Power and Light Company’s (IPL’s) 2013 Annual Safety, Reliability, and Service Quality Report and Proposed Annual Reliability Standards for 2014

Chair Heydinger moved to take the following actions:

- Approve IPL’s April 1, 2014 safety, reliability, and service quality report as complying with Minn. Rules, Chapter 7826 and relevant Commission orders.
- Approve the Department’s proposed 2014 reliability standards at the levels indicated below:

Work Center	SAIDI	SAIFI	CAIDI
Winnebago	59.81	0.90	66.17
Albert Lea	80.30	1.02	78.44

3. Require IPL to file its 2014 safety, reliability, and service quality reports as usual on April 1, 2015, with the caveat that if the sale of IPL to Southern Minnesota Energy Cooperative is approved, IPL may provide the 2014 data in an informational filing.

The motion passed 5–0.

E-002/M-14-131

In the Matter of Xcel Energy’s 2013 Annual Safety, Reliability, and Service Quality Report and Proposed Annual Reliability Standards for 2014

Commissioner Wergin moved to take the following actions:

1. Approve Xcel’s April 1, 2014 safety, reliability, and service quality reports as complying with Minn. Rules, Chapter 7826 and relevant Commission orders.
2. Approve Xcel’s proposed 2014 reliability standards at the levels indicated below:

Work Center	SAIDI	SAIFI	CAIDI
Metro East	82.41	0.88	93.72
Metro West	97.41	0.95	102.11
Northeast	90.27	0.81	111.70
Southeast	86.31	0.71	121.40

3. Require Xcel to augment its next filing to include a description of the policies, procedures, and actions that it has implemented, and plans to implement, to assure reliability, including information on how it is demonstrating proactive management of the system as a whole, increased reliability, and active contingency planning.
4. Require Xcel to incorporate into its next filing a summary table that allows the reader to more easily assess the overall reliability of the system and identify the main factors that affect reliability.
5. Require Xcel to report on the major causes of outages for major event days.
6. Require Xcel to consider other factors, in addition to historical data, on which to base its reliability indices for 2014 in an effort to demonstrate its commitment to improving reliability performance.
7. Require Xcel to continue reporting major service interruptions to the Commission’s Consumer Affairs Office.

The motion passed 5–0.

E-999/CI-08-948

In the Matter of Commission Consideration of Standards Related to Smart Grid Investments and Information under the Federal Independence and Security Act of 2007

Commissioner Lange moved to close the docket.

The motion passed 5–0.

E-001,115,140,105,139,124,126,145,132,114,6521,142,135/PA-14-322

In the Matter of a Request for Approval of the Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement Between Interstate Power and Light Company and Southern Minnesota Energy Cooperative

Commissioner Lipschultz moved to take the following actions:

1. Require the parties to respond within 14 days to reply comments scheduled to be filed on December 8. If the December 8 deadline is extended, parties shall file reply comments within 14 days of the rescheduled deadline.
2. Designate Commissioner Wergin as lead Commissioner to handle disputes regarding discovery and record development, and to perform such other duties as may be designated by the Chair consistent with Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, subd. 9.

The motion passed 5–0.

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: January 7, 2015



Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary