

The Commission met on **Thursday, September 19, 2013**, with Chair Heydinger , and Commissioners, Lange, O'Brien, and Wergin present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

ENERGY AGENDA

ET-10-M-13-671

In the Matter of Missouri River Energy Services Request for Approval of a Variance to Commission Rules Regarding Qualified Facilities Reporting

Commissioner Wergin moved to approve the request for a variance to Minn. Rules, part 7835.1300 to change the deadline for submitting the annual QF Report from November 1st to March 1st for 2014 and all subsequent years.

The motion passed 4-0.

G-008/GR-05-1380

In the Matter of the Application of CenterPoint Energy for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota

G-002/GR-06-1429

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation and Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Xcel Energy Inc., for Authority to Increase Rates for Natural Gas Service in Minnesota

G-007,011/M-07-1131

In the Matter of the Petition Submitted by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Approval by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission of a Gas Affordability Service Program

G-004/M-07-1235

In the Matter of the Petition by Great Plains Natural Gas Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., for Approval of a Gas Affordability Service Program

G-001/M-07-1295

In the Matter of a Petition Submitted by Interstate Power and Light Company Requesting Approval by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission of a Proposed Natural Gas Affordability Program, Including a Cost Recovery Surcharge

Commissioner O'Brien moved to take the following actions:

1. Accept the calendar-year 2013 CAP annual compliance reports in all dockets; and

2. Require the Companies to include a summary schedule with their annual gas affordability filing that includes the following information:
 - A. The average annual affordability benefit received per customer.
 - B. The average annual arrearage forgiveness benefit received per customer.
 - C. The percentage of LIHEAP customers that participated in GAP.
 - D. Disconnection rates:
 - E. Of GAP customers.
 - F. Of LIHEAP – Non GAP customers.
 - G. Non-LIHEAP (all firm customers including C&I)
 - H. Number of GAP participants enrolled as of year-end.
 - I. Number of GAP participants enrolled and receiving benefits at some time during the year.
 - J. Annual program budget.
 - K. Actual program revenue.
 - L. Actual program cost.
 - M. GAP tracker balance as of year-end.
 - N. GAP rate-affordability surcharge (\$/therm).

The motion passed 4-0.

G-008/GR-05-1380

In the Matter of the Application of CenterPoint Energy for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota

Commissioner Lange moved to take the following actions:

1. Approve CenterPoint’s request to extend the pilot gas affordability program through December 31, 2016; and
2. Approve CenterPoint’s proposed modification of the arrearage forgiveness credit and allow the Company to apply the arrearage credit to monthly bills prior to receipt of customer payment.

The motion passed 4-0.

E-015/M-11-695

In the Matter of Minnesota Power’s Petition for Approval of its 2011 Transmission Cost Recovery Rider Factor

Commissioner O’Brien moved to take the following actions:

1. Approve the use of a hybrid approach when accounting for NOL’s in its riders. That is, the NOL ADITA amount added to rate base each year should be based on the lower of the stand-alone and consolidated methods. The use of a consolidate method of tax calculation only applies to a rider with a NOL included in the calculation.

2. Allow the Company to withdraw its request to adjust the billing factor adjustment in this Docket and require the Company to update its transmission cost recovery tracker balances and projected revenue requirements to calculate a billing factor adjustment when the Company files its 2013 Transmission Cost Recovery Factor Filing.
3. Require the Company to continue to exclude internal capitalized costs from recovery through its riders.
4. Direct MP to continue to document actual RECB charges and RECB revenues offsets to the revenue requirements and that they be specifically identified in future TCR filings.

The motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: October 2, 2013



Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary