

The Commission met on **Thursday, April 14, 2011**, with Chair Anderson and Commissioners O'Brien, Reha, and Wergin present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

P-5523,5750/PA-10-1212

In the Matter of the Joint Petition of Federate Telephone Cooperative d/b/a Federated Telephone and HomeTown Solutions, LLC d/b/a Federated Telephone for Approval of Transfer of Assets and Authority

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission:

1. Grant a variance to Minn. Rules, part 7829.3000 and reconsider the Commission's December 30, 2010 Order in this docket to eliminate the requirement to provide notice to customers of HomeTown Solutions, LLC d/b/a that Federated Telephone Cooperative d/b/a Federated Telephone is their new service provider because such notice is likely to cause more harm than benefit as a result of the confusion such notice might cause.

The motion passed 4-0.

ENERGY AGENDA

IP-6858/WS-11-195

In the Matter of the Site Permit Application of Shell Rock Wind Farm, LLC for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System

Commissioner Wergin moved that the Commission:

1. Accept the application as complete, with the condition that Shell Rock Wind, LLC will provide additional information as requested by the Commission and the Office of Energy Security Energy Facility Permitting staff for the Shell Rock Wind Farm project.
2. Authorize the Office of Energy Security Facility Permitting staff to name a public advisor for this project.
3. Grant a variance to Minnesota Rules, part 7854.0800 to extend the period for the Commission to make a preliminary determination on whether a permit may be issued or should be denied for an unspecified but reasonable period of time.
4. Based on the information in the record to date, find that a certificate of need is not required.

The motion passed 4-0.

IP-6838/TL-10-134

In the Matter of the Prairie Rose Transmission, LLC Route Permit Application for a 115kV Transmission Line in Rock County for Interconnection of the Prairie Rose Wind Farm (WS-10-425)

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission:

1. Accept the Prairie Rose 115kV Transmission Line Route Permit Application as complete and authorize OES EFP staff to process the application under the alternative review process in Minn. Rules, parts 7850.2900-.3900.
2. Authorize the OES EFP to name a public advisor in this case.
3. Determine that based on the available information, an advisory task force is not necessary at this time.

The motion passed 4-0.

ET-2/TL-08-1474

In the Matter of the Route Permit Application for a 345kV Transmission Line from Brookings County, South Dakota to Hampton, Minnesota

Commissioner Wergin moved that the Commission deny reconsideration of the March 1, 2011 Order Granting Route Permit

The motion passed 4-0.

G-008/M-11-113

In the Matter of the Petition of CenterPoint Energy for Approval of a Miscellaneous Rate Change Related to Transportation Service Daily Balancing Charges

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission:

1. Approve CenterPoint Energy's proposed daily balancing charges, as identified above in Table 1, effective on the first day of the next month following the Commission's Order in this docket for gas service rendered by the Company on or after that date.
2. Require the Company to submit a compliance filing within 10 days of the date of the Order in this docket that includes the relevant tariff sheets demonstrating compliance with the Commission's determination in this matter.

The motion passed 4-0.

E-002/M-10-878

In the Matter of the Compliance Filing and Petition of Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation, to Modify its City Requested Facilities Surcharge Tariff

E-002/M-99-799

In the Matter of the Petition of Approval of a City Requested Facilities Surcharge Rider and Miscellaneous Tariff Changes

Commissioner Wergin recommended that the Commission:

1. Approve Xcel's tariff changes as proposed and require Xcel to file revised tariff sheets within 10 days.
2. Approve the application of final tariff changes to Robbinsdale and New Brighton over-recoveries and direct Xcel to file a refund report within 20 days of the completion of the refund process.

The motion passed 4-0.

E-015/M-10-799

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of its Transmission Cost Recovery Rider

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission:

1. Approve Minnesota Power's 2010 Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Rider revenue requirement as proposed in reply comments, modified to exclude \$835.7 in internal costs.
2. Require Minnesota Power to make a compliance filing detailing the calculation of the new revenue requirements and illustrating the impact on the TCR factor in its next TCR filing.
3. Keep the existing TCR factor in place.
4. Continue to require Minnesota Power to document actual Regional Expansion Cost Benefit charges and revenues offsets to the revenue requirement and to specifically identify them in future TCR filings.

The motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: May 11, 2011



Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary