

The Commission met on **Thursday, October 11, 2012**, with Chair Heydinger and Commissioners Reha and Wergin present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

ENERGY AGENDA

E-002/CN-10-694

In the Matter of the Application for a Certificate of Need for Two 115 kV High Voltage Transmission Lines in the Midtown Area of South Minneapolis

Commissioner Wergin moved to determine that the changed circumstances are acceptable without recertification.

The motion passed 2-1. Commissioner Reha voted no.

Commissioner Reha moved to

- Require the Company to make a compliance filing within 30 days of the date of the order, detailing the cost effects of the delay in the in-service date and the resizing of the Hiawatha substation.
- Establish a 10-day period for comments on the compliance filing.

The motion passed 3-0.

G-004/M-07-1235

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

Commissioner Wergin moved to take the following actions:

1. Grant a two-year extension of Great Plains' pilot Gas Affordability Program (GAP) until December 31, 2014, with an evaluation for 2011-2013 to be filed by June 1, 2014.
2. Require Great Plains to continue to file annual GAP compliance reports by March 31st of each year.
3. Authorize Great Plains to reduce the Gas Affordability Plan cost adjustment charge (GAP surcharge) of \$0.02034 per dekatherm (Dk) to \$0.0 per dekatherm (Dk), starting with the issue date of the Commission's Order and continuing through the end of the 2014 program year.
4. Allow Great Plains to exclude (or remove) the Gas Affordability Plan cost adjustment charge (GAP surcharge) from customer bills.
5. Require Great Plains to submit revised tariff sheets that reflect the Commission's decision in this docket within ten days of the Commission issuing its order.

6. Require Great Plains to include in its revised tariff sheets a sample customer bill that reflects the Commission's decision in this docket within ten days of the Commission issuing its order.
7. Require Great Plains to include in its ten-day compliance filing copies of any materials (e.g., bill insert, notices, bill messages, call center phone scripts), that the Company plans to use to notify customers and explain the change in the GAP surcharge.

The motion passed 3-0.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

P-407/AR-12-405

In the Matter of a Petition by Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC for Adoption of the Revised Alternative Form of Regulation Plan of Frontier Communications of Minnesota, Inc.

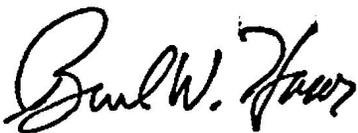
Commissioner Wergin moved to take the following actions:

- Approve the stipulated AFOR agreement, filed August 15, 2012; the Quality of Service standards incorporated in the April 23, 2012 Citizens' initial AFOR filing; and the investment plan contained in the April 23, 2012 Citizens' initial AFOR filing.
- Specify that Citizens will be subject to the same reporting requirements regarding investment as in the Frontier AFOR docket (P405/AR-11-562), except that, in reporting on deployment of broadband technology, Citizens will use 100% of its customer base as a baseline, not 95%.
- Citizens will be subject to the same level of accountability as all other companies to ensure that any public funds for broadband deployment are used for their intended purposes.

The motion passed 3-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: October 24, 2012



Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary