

The Commission met on **Tuesday, July 17, 2012**, with Chair Beverly Heydinger and Commissioners Boyd, O'Brien, Reha, and Wergin present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

ENERGY AGENDA

E-002/CN-11-826

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy and Great River Energy for a Certificate of Need for the Upgrade of the Southwest Twin Cities (SWTC) Chaska Area 69 kV Transmission to 115 kV Capacity.

Commissioner Boyd moved that the Commission:

1. Accept the application as complete upon the filing of the June 21, 2012 supplement in response to the Department's recommendation.
2. Direct use of the informal review process to develop the record.
3. Delegate to the Executive Secretary administrative authority for the proper development of the record.

The motion passed 5 – 0.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

PL-6884/CN-12-127

In the Matter of the Application of High Prairie Pipeline, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the High Prairie Pipeline Project from the North Dakota Border to Clearbrook, Minnesota.

Commissioner Wergin moved that the Commission:

1. Amend its May 14, 2012, *Order Approving Notice Plan As Modified*.
2. Grant a variance to Minn. R. 7829.2560, subp. 6 as specified in this Order.
3. Order High Prairie to implement its approved Notice Plan within 90 days from the date of the May 14, 2012, *Order Approving Notice Plan As Modified*, as proposed.
4. In the event High Prairie cannot comply with the 90-day time period for Notice Plan implementation approved in this order, the Notice Plan shall be implemented no less than two weeks prior to the certificate of need application filing.

The motion passed 5 – 0.

P-6504/RV-12-488

Revocation of V-Global Communications, LLC's Certificate of Authority.

Commissioner Reha moved as follows:

The Commission agrees with and adopts the recommendations of the Department of Commerce. The Commission revokes V-Global Communications, LLC's Certificate of Authority.

The motion passed 5 – 0.

P-5842/RV-12-472

Revocation of American Fiber Network, Inc.'s Certificate of Authority.

Commissioner Wergin moved as follows:

The Commission agrees with and adopts the recommendations of the Department of Commerce. The Commission revokes American Fiber Network, Inc.'s Certificate of Authority.

The motion passed 5 – 0.

P-523/AM-12-119

In the Matter of the Petition of Federated Telephone Cooperative for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.

Commissioner Reha moved the following:

The Commission agrees with and adopts the recommendations of the Department of Commerce. The Commission finds that Federated Telephone Cooperative has made a credible showing of its capability and intent to provide and advertise an affordable, quality Voice Telephony offering throughout its proposed service area, and that its designation is in the public interest. The Commission approves Federated Telephone Cooperative's petition for ETC designation in the Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink exchange of Morris.

The motion passed 5 – 0.

P-522/AM-12-118

In the Matter of the Petition of Farmers Mutual Telephone Company for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.

Commissioner Wergin moved that the Commission:

The Commission agrees with and adopts the recommendations of the Department of Commerce

The motion passed 5 – 0.

P-421, et al./PA-10-456

In the Matter of the Joint Petition for Approval of Indirect Transfer of Control of Qwest Operating Companies to CenturyLink

P-421, et al./C-11-684

In the Matter of the Complaint by the Joint CLECs against Qwest and CenturyLink Regarding OSS Implementation

Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the Settlement Agreement and modify previous orders as follows:

1. Approve the May 17, 2012 Settlement Agreement and dismiss with prejudice the formal complaint in Docket No. P-421, et al./C-11-684, *In the Matter of the Complaint by the Joint CLECs against Qwest and CenturyLink Regarding OSS Implementation*.
2. Modify the Order Requiring Retention of Technical Expert, Negotiations and Compliance Filings (February 27, 2012) so as to eliminate the requirement for a third-party expert to review or participate in testing the failover and disaster recovery plans for the Mediated Access for Electronic Bonding and Trouble Administration (MEDIACC) computer interface.
3. Modify the Order Accepting Settlement Agreements and Approving Transfer and Control Subject to Conditions (March 31, 2011) (Merger Order) specifically and solely to eliminate the requirement for a third-party expert to review the testing of the Maintenance Ticketing Gateway (MTG) computer interface.
4. Modify the Order Barring Implementation of New Operational Support Systems and Requiring Cooperation and Filings (September 6, 2011) and the Merger Order to permit CenturyLink, Inc., and Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (collectively, CenturyLink) to implement MTG upon request of any competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) or other CenturyLink customer(s), regardless of whether the request is by a party to this Settlement Agreement, before the end of the 30-month moratorium period (October 1, 2013).
5. Allow CenturyLink a period of 10 days from the issuance of the order to make MTG available to requesting CLECs in Minnesota.

The motion passed 5 – 0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: September 19, 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Burl W. Haar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and 'H'.

Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary