

The Commission met on **Thursday October 31, 2013**, with Chair Jones Heydinger and Commissioners Boyd, Lange, and Wergin present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

### **TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENDA**

#### **P-430/AM-13-807**

#### **In the Matter of the Petition of Embarq Minnesota, Inc. dba CenturyLink to Consolidate the Osseo Rate Center into the Twin Cities Rate Center**

Commissioner Wergin moved to take the following actions:

1. Find that Commission approval is necessary for the rate center consolidation and proceed to consider the merits of the petition.
2. Permit Embarq, with the concurrence of Qwest, Citizens, Frontier, and Scott-Rice, to consolidate the Osseo rate center into the Twin Cities rate center.

The motion passed 4-0.

#### **P-421/AR-13-498**

#### **In the Matter of a Petition of Qwest Corporation for Extension of its Second Revised Alternative Form of Regulation (AFOR) Plan**

Chair Heydinger moved to take the following actions:

1. Approve Qwest's election to extend its Second Revised AFOR Plan until December 31, 2016.
2. Direct Qwest to file its 2013 service quality report by February 15, 2014 and its investment report by March 1, 2014.

The motion passed 4-0.

### **ENERGY AGENDA**

#### **IP-6914/WS-13-843**

#### **In the Matter of the Site Permit Application for a 200 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System for the Odell Wind Farm in Cottonwood, Jackson, Martin, and Watonwan Counties**

Commissioner Boyd moved to take the following actions:

1. Vary Minnesota Rule 7854.0800 to add time to issue the draft site permit.
2. Accept the application as substantially complete and direct the applicant to respond to reasonable requests regarding the project.
3. Refer the matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings and request that the issues identified in the staff comments and recommendations be considered by the Administrative Law Judge.
4. Require that a public hearing be held on issues related to the site permit application.
5. Include the following in the Order accepting the application as complete:
  - A. the name and telephone number of the Commission employee designated to facilitate citizen participation in the process;
  - B. a requirement that the applicants facilitate in every reasonable way the continued examination of the issues by the Department of Commerce;
  - C. a directive that Commission staff consult with the Administrative Law Judge in selecting suitable locations for hearings on the application; and
  - D. a directive that the applicants provide notice as outlined above.

The motion passed 4-0.

**E-111/M-13-801**

**In the Matter of a Petition by Dakota Electric Association to Implement a Large Load Contract in its Electric Rate Book for Large Commercial and Industrial Service Line Extensions**

Commissioner Boyd moved to take the following actions:

1. Approve the proposed petition for permission to implement a new Large Load Electric Service Agreement (Large Load Contract) as filed by Dakota,
2. Require Dakota to incorporate the new contract into its Electric Rate Book as recommended by the Department, and
3. Require Dakota to include tariff language that explains how the Contribution in Aid of Construction would be calculated, similar to the language in Attachment A to Commission Staff's October 17, 2013 briefing papers, in a compliance filing within 30 days of the Commission Order date.

The motion passed 4-0.

**E-002/GR-12-961**

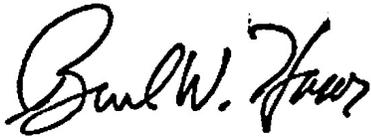
**In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in the State of Minnesota**

Commissioner Boyd moved to deny the request for reconsideration filed by the Office of the Attorney General.

The motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: November 13, 2013**

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**Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary**