

The Commission met on **Thursday, March 11, 2010**, with Chair Boyd and Commissioners Reha and Wergin present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

TELECOM AGENDA

BLOCK MOTION

Commissioner Wergin moved to revoke certificates of authority held by the following companies:

P-6411/RV-09-1204

In the Matter of the Revocation of Certificate of Authority Held by United American Technology, Inc.

P-5840/RV-09-1212

In the Matter of the Revocation of Certificate of Authority Held by NetLojix, Telecom, Inc.

P-5756/RV-09-1216

In the Matter of the Revocation of Certificate of Authority Held by GTC Telecom

P-6265/RV-09-1219

In the Matter of the Revocation of Certificate of Authority Held by Dial-Around Telecom, Inc.

P-6673/RV-09-1220

In the Matter of the Revocation of Certificate of Authority Held by Connecta Telecom, L.L.C.

The motion passed 3-0.

ENERGY AGENDA

E-111/M-10-41

In the Matter of the Petition by Dakota Electric Association to Modify the Monthly Rate for the Optional Renewable Energy Rider

Commissioner Reha moved the following:

That the Commission find that Dakota Electric Association's calculations are correct and appropriate and that the Commission approve the Company's petition as filed.

The motion passed 3-0.

E-015/S-09-1233

In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Power for Approval of its Capital Structure and Authorization to Issue Securities Under Minnesota Statute §216B.49.

Commissioner Wergin moved that the Commission:

1. Approve Allete's 2010 estimated capital structure. The approval will remain effective until the earlier of April 30, 2011, or the date on which the Commission issues a new capital structure Order.
2. Approve Allete's equity ratio contingency of plus/minus 10 percent around its 2010 proposed equity ratio. Equity ratios outside this range may not exceed a period of 60 days without prior Commission approval.
3. Approve Allete's total capitalization's contingency of 209 million above its 2010 total capitalization. Allete may not exceed its total capitalization including the requested contingency of \$209 million for a period longer than 60 days without prior Commission approval.
4. Approve any issuance of securities during the authorization period that would not result in an equity ratio outside the proposed range or a total capitalization exceeding its proposed cap for more than 60 days.
5. Require MP to obtain prior approval for issuance of any securities during the authorization period that would result in an equity ratio outside the approved range or a total capitalization exceeding its approved cap for more than 60 days.
6. Require MP to provide the following information within 20 days of each non-recurring issuance of securities:
 - a. The specific purposes for individual issuances.
 - b. The type of issuances.
 - c. The timing of issuances.
 - d. The amounts of issuances.
 - e. Issuance costs (for common equity issuances, include price per share).
 - f. Interest rates.
7. Require MP to keep the Commission informed of any corporate restructuring.
8. Require MP to keep the Commission informed of any Rating Agency action.
9. Require MP to, in its next securities issuance petition, provide a list of planned investments for the next year with at least the level of detail contained in Exhibit 1 of its February 12, 2010, filing, including a narrative explaining each project as well as a table, or schedule, showing for various time periods the planned investments for each project.

10. Require MP to provide a schedule in its next securities issuance petition that compares its actual capital investments in 2010 with the capital investments contained in Exhibit 1 of its February, 12, 2010, filing.

11. Determine that no utility assets may be pledged to finance non-regulated activities.

12. Direct MP to make a filing within thirty days that explains why each piece of data the Company has designated "trade secret" has received that designation and how it complies with the Data Practices Act; direct MP to certify that the data has not been previously publicly disclosed.

13. Require MP in its next securities issuance filing to explain why each piece of data the Company has designated "trade secret" has received that designation and how it complies with the Data Practices Act; direct MP to certify that the data has not been previously publicly disclosed. If the filing does not contain this information, or if the information has previously been publicly disclosed, the filing shall be considered to be in violation of this Order and be dismissed.

The motion passed 3-0.

E-002/TL-09-1448

In the Matter of the Application for a Route Permit for the CapX2020 Hampton-Rochester-LaCrosse High Voltage Transmission Lines

Commissioner Wergin moved the following:

Authorize the OES to establish both the Hampton to Northern Hills and the North Rochester to Mississippi River Advisory Task Forces with the Charge and Structures Recommended in attachment 2 of OES comments.

The motion passed 3-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: APRIL 14, 2010



Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary