

The Commission met on **Thursday, June 21, 2012**, with Acting Chair Reha, Commissioners O'Brien, and Wergin present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

ENERGY AGENDA

E-120, 252/SA-12-197

In the Matter of the Electric Service Territory Agreement Between the City of Hutchinson and McLeod Cooperative Power Association

Commissioner Wergin moved that the Commission approve the petition to transfer a parcel of land from the Cooperative's service territory to the city's service territory, under the terms of a settlement approved by the Commission in Docket No. E-120, 252/SA-10-129.

The motion passed, 3-0.

E-221, E-148/SA-12-252

E-221, E-148/SA-03-989

In the Matter of the Joint Request of the City of Buffalo and Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association to Modify Electric Service Territory Boundaries

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission approve the joint petition of the City of Buffalo and Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association to modify the electric service territory boundaries.

The motion passed, 3-0.

E-017/S-12-420

In the Matter of the Petition of Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of Capital Structure for Issuance of Long Term and Short-Term Securities for 2012

Commissioner Wergin moved that the Commission adopt the Department's recommendations, as modified below:

1. Approve OTP's requested 2012 capital structure; this approval to be in effect until the 2013 Capital Structure Order is issued. OTP shall file its next securities issuance petition no later than May 14, 2013.
2. Approve OTP's equity ratio of 51.5 percent and a contingency range of plus/minus 10 percent around the approved equity ratio. Equity ratios outside this range may not exceed a period of 60 days without prior Commission approval.

3. Approve OTP's proposed total capitalization of \$735,598,000 with a contingency cap of 10 percent (or \$809,157,800). The Company may not exceed its total capitalization including the requested contingency amount for a period exceeding 60 days without prior Commission approval.
4. Approve OTP's request to issue short-term debt not to exceed 15 percent of OTP's total capitalization (i.e., \$110,340,000). OTP's short-term debt may not exceed 15 percent of its total capitalization for a period exceeding 60 days without prior Commission approval.
5. Approve any securities issuance during this period in which this Order is in place 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.
6. Require OTP to obtain prior approval for issuance of any securities, over the period in which this Commission's Order is in place, that would result in an equity ratio outside the approved range, or a total capitalization exceeding its approved cap or short-term debt exceeding its approved cap for more than 60 days.
7. Prohibit the Company from pledging any utility property or any regulated asset to secure any debt incurred for non-utility or unregulated purposes without explicit Commission consent.

The motion passed, 3-0

ET-2/GL-08-1474

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

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission:

1. Authorize Minor Alteration 1;
2. Authorize Minor Alteration 2;
3. Authorize Minor Alteration 3 and
4. Authorize Minor Alteration 4.

The motion passed, 3-0.

IP-6630/WS-07-318

In the Matter of the Site Permit Application of Comfrey Wind Energy, LLC's Site Permit for a 31.5 Megawatt Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Brown and Cottonwood Counties

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission take no action at this time.

The motion passed, 3-0.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

P-407/AR-12-405

In the Matter of a Petition of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota , LLC

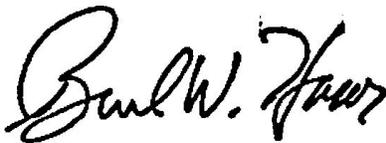
Commissioner Wergin moved that the Commission:

1. Direct Citizens to work with the Department, the Office of the Attorney General, and Commission staff to finalize the customer notice and to determine the timing of the notice.
2. Direct Citizens to work with the Department, the Office of the Attorney General, and Commission staff to establish a website containing information about the proposed AFOR plan and a feature permitting interested persons to ask questions and submit comments about the proposed plan. Citizens shall share all questions, comments, and responses generated through the website with the Department, the Office of the Attorney General, and Commission staff.
3. Direct the parties to convene a settlement conference to encourage settlement or stipulation of issues with respect to how the plan should be modified.
4. Approve the following procedural schedule for processing Citizens' proposed AFOR plan:
 - A. Citizens shall issue the approved customer notice no later than July 2, 2012.
 - B. Citizens shall establish a website no later than July 2, 2012.
 - C. Citizens shall file with the Commission a settlement or a list of disputed issues by August 15, 2012.
 - D. Parties may file comments on the settlement or disputed issues by September 4, 2012. Reply comments, if any, shall be filed by September 18, 2012.
5. Delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to revise the timelines if appropriate and to determine the date of the hearing.

The motion passed, 3-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: July 5, 2012



Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary