

The Commission met on **Thursday, June 28, 2012**, with Commissioners Boyd, O'Brien, Reha, and Wergin present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

ENERGY FACILITIES PERMITTING AGENDA

IP-6723/WS-09-360

In the Matter of Morgan Wind Acquisition Group, LLC's Site Permit for a 31.5 Megawatt Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Redwood and Brown Counties

Commissioner Wergin moved to grant the petition:

1. incorporating DOC EFP suggested site permit amendments reflecting newer permit language, and
2. requiring Morgan Wind to provide the amended permit to the entities listed in site permit condition III.K.9, postmarked within two working days of the issuance of the Commission's order approving the site permit amendment; and
3. require Morgan Wind provide a (Commission and DOC EFP staff approved) cover notice on the amended permit informing recipients of their ability to petition the Commission for reconsideration, indicating the timeframes for doing so.

The motion passed 4 – 0.

IP-6871/WS-11-863

In the Matter of the CWS Wind Farm, LLC's Site Permit for a 30.75 Megawatt Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Nobles County

E-002/M-11-801

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement with Zephyr Wind, LLC; Moriah Wind, LLC; and Chinook Wind, LLC

Commissioner Wergin moved that the Commission:

1. Approve the site permit transfer as requested, from CWS Wind Farm, LLC to Zephyr Wind, LLC.
2. Direct Xcel to file a notification of consolidation of Chinook Wind, LLC; Moriah Wind, LLC; and Zephyr Wind, LLC in Docket No. E-002/M-11-801.

3. Direct Xcel to file proposed amended power purchase agreements in Docket No. E-002/M-11-801.

The motion passed 4 – 0.

ENERGY AGENDA

G-008/M-12-135

In the Matter of a Request by CenterPoint Energy, a Division of CenterPoint Energy Resources, a Delaware Corporation, for Approval of the Company's Proposed Modification of Charges for Customer-Requested Work, Including Service Alterations and Winter Construction

Commissioner Boyd Moved that the Commission:

1. Approve CenterPoint's petition;
2. Confirm that CenterPoint is to submit the itemized costs associated with each steel service line relocation and each 630 CFH+ meter relocation in the annual service quality report due each May 1; and
3. Require CenterPoint to submit, within 10 days of the issue date of the Commission's Order in the present docket, the relevant tariff sheets that are consistent with the Commission's determination in this matter.
4. Establish that the tariff changes would be effective 30 days from the date of the Commission's Order.

The motion passed 4 – 0.

E-002/M-12-183

In the Matter of the Petition for Approval of a Method to Recover the Costs of the Hiawatha Transmission Line Project

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission approve use of Xcel's cost recovery proposal.

The motion passed 3 – 1, with Commissioner Wergin voting against the motion.

E,G-001/AT-12-32

In the Matter of Interstate Power and Light Company's Petition for Approval of a Common Facilities Capacity Agreement with its Affiliate, Franklin County Wind, LLC

E,G-001/AT-12-187

In the Matter of Interstate Power and Light Company's Petition for Approval of a Land Lease Agreement with its Affiliate, Franklin County Wind, LLC

E,G-001/AT-12-192

In the Matter of Interstate Power and Light Company's Petition for Approval of a Local Balancing Authority Agreement with its Affiliate, Franklin County Wind, LLC

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission:

1. Require Interstate Power and Light Company to file, in a new docket, the agreements transferring land easements, wind rights, and rights to purchase wind turbines to its affiliate; and
2. Take comments from parties and interested persons in the new docket concerning the applicability of Minn. Stat. §§ 216B.48 and 216B.50, and the significance of the Commission's September 14, 1998, order in Docket No. E,G-999/CI-98-651.

The motion passed 4 – 0.

E-015/AI-11-868

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of Affiliate Interests Between ALLETE and ALLETE Clean Energy

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission:

1. Determine that the affiliate interest transaction is subject to Minn. Stat. § 216B.48;
2. Take no action as to whether the affiliate interest transaction is subject to Minn. Stat. § 216B.50;
3. Take no action as to issues raised by the parties relating to Minnesota Power's future wind energy needs;
4. Take no action as to issues raised by the parties relating to Minnesota Power's future transmission capacity needs;
5. Take no action as to issues raised by the parties relating to Minnesota Power's large generator interconnection agreements and 150 MW of transmission capacity;
6. Determine that the sale of the meteorological data gathering towers is consistent with the public interest and approve the sale;

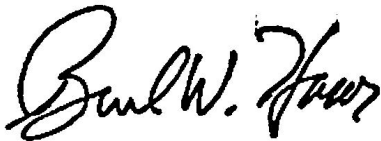
7. Determine that the lease agreement between ALLETE Clean Energy and ALLETE for office space contained in the affiliate interest transaction is consistent with the public interest, recognizing that:
 - A. Future renewals of the lease are subject to Commission review, with competitive bidding to be utilized as the preferred standard; and
 - B. Minnesota Power is required to reflect these lease payments in its next rate case.

8. Accept Minnesota Power's recommendation to require the Company to provide an annual compliance filing in connection with Docket No. 01-1416 that indicates how costs are being charged and allocated to ALLETE Clean Energy. Clarify that the compliance filing will provide a detailed list of all assigned and allocated revenues and expenses, for ALLETE Clean Energy, allocation methods and support for why the allocator is reasonable.

The motion passed, 4 – 0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: August 1, 2012



Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary