

The Commission met on **Wednesday, October 15, 2014**, with Chair Heydinger, and Commissioners Boyd, Lange, Lipschultz, and Wergin present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

ENERGY AGENDA

E249,E147/SA-14-708

In the Matter of the Joint Request of the Hawley Public Utilities Commission and Wild Rice Electric Cooperative for approval to Modify Electric Service Territory Boundaries

Commissioner Wergin moved to adopt the Department's recommendation to approve the requested service territory transfer, and that the appropriate map change be made by MNGeo.

The motion passed 5 – 0.

E,G001/AI-14-350

In the Matter of the Petition of Interstate Power and Light Company's (IPL) for Approval of a Modification to Agreements with Affiliates Related to the Sale of Accounts Receivable

Commissioner Boyd moved to adopt the Department's recommendation to approve the amendments and modifications to the Accounts Receivable Sales Program with an effective date of March 31, 2014 through March 31, 2016.

The motion passed 5 – 0.

G002/M-14-540

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Modifications to the Interruptible Service Tariffs

Commissioner Lange moved to take the following actions:

1. Adopt and approve the Department's recommendations, including the increase in the penalty charge for unauthorized use of gas from \$1 per therm to \$5 per therm.
2. Require Xcel to make a compliance filing within 30 days that states Xcel's proposed policies and procedures regarding disconnection of service for unauthorized gas consumption and includes a draft tariff that illustrates this policy.

The motion passed 5 – 0.

E999/CI-13-542

What further action should the Commission take to establish criteria and procedures for identifying which utility customer sales are excluded when determining the utility's Solar Energy Standard?

Commissioner Heydinger moved to take the following actions:

1. Adopt following list of North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes for determining customers who may have facilities eligible for exclusion from the Solar Energy Standards:

NAICS Code	Category
212210	Iron Ore Mining
321113	Sawmills
321114	Wood Preservation
321211	Hardwood Veneer and Plywood Manufacturing
321212	Softwood Veneer and Plywood Manufacturing
321213	Engineered Wood member (Except truss) Mfg.
321214	Truss Manufacturing
321219	Reconstituted Wood Product Mfg.
321911	Wood Window and Door Mfg.
321912	Cut Stock, Resawing Lumber and Planning
321918	Other Millwork (incl. flooring)
321920	Wood Container and Pallet Mfg.
321991	Manufactured Home (mobile Home) Mfg.
321992	Prefabricated Wood Building Mfg.
321999	All Other Misc. Wood Product Mfg.
322110	Pulp Mills
322121	Paper (except Newsprint) Mills
322122	Newsprint Mills
322130	Paperboard Mills
322211	Corrugated and Solid Fiber Box Mfg.
322212	Folding Paperboard Box Mfg.
322219	Other Paperboard Container Mfg.
322220	Paper Bag and Coated and Treated Paper Mfg.
322230	Stationery Product Mfg.
322291	Sanitary Paper Product Mfg.
322299	All Other Converted Paper Product Mfg.

2. Find that utility customers may petition a utility to consider additional NAICS codes consistent with Minn. Stat. § 216B.1691, subd. 2f(d), and any other consistent criteria adopted by the Commission.

3. Find that all facilities within a utility's service area are eligible for exclusion from the Solar Energy Standards if the primary business purpose of that facility is consistent with the criteria set forth in Minn. Stat. § 216B.1691, subd. 2f(d), and any other consistent criteria adopted by the Commission.
4. Require that customers who apply for exclusion from the Solar Energy Standards provide the following, at a minimum, to the utility:
 - a. Company name and account number(s);
 - b. primary business activity and NAICS code for which exclusion is being requested;
 - c. customer contact information;
 - d. any other information necessary for the utility to process the application; and
 - e. certification that the information provided is accurate and truthful.
5. Require that within 45 days of the date of the Commission's order, Xcel, Minnesota Power, Otter Tail, and Interstate Power make compliance filings that include the following:
 - a. A plan for notifying customers of potential eligibility for exclusion from the Solar Energy Standards, including proposed text of written materials;
 - b. a draft form or template for customers to use in requesting exclusion; and
 - c. a description of internal procedures and process for processing customer filings.
6. Delegate to the Executive Secretary authority to approve the above-required compliance filings unless a party or Commission staff raises a disputed issue.

The motion passed 5 – 0.

Commissioner Heydinger moved to find that, at this time, the SES exclusion should apply only to demand-metered facilities of 25 kW or greater.

The motion did not pass 1 – 4 (Commissioners Boyd, Lange, Lipschultz, and Wergin voting against).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: December 17, 2014



Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary