

The Commission met on **Thursday, January 30, 2014**, with Chair Heydinger, and Commissioners Boyd, Lange, and O'Brien present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

**E-015/TL-13-805**

**In the Matter of the Minnesota Power Route Permit Application for the Canisteo FVTL Project in Itasca County**

Commissioner Lange moved to take no action.

The motion passed, 4-0.

**IP-6828/CN-09-937**

**In the Matter of the Application of Pleasant Valley Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need for up to 301 MW at the Pleasant Valley Project in Dodge and Mower Counties in Southeastern Minnesota**

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission determine that a reduction in the certificate of need nameplate capacity from 301 megawatts to 200 megawatts is acceptable without further hearings.

The motion passed, 4-0.

**IP-6828/WS-09-1197**

**In the Matter of the Application of Pleasant Valley Wind, LLC for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the 301 MW Pleasant Valley Wind Project in Dodge and Mower Counties**

Commissioner Lange moved that the Commission:

1. Grant the amendments as requested by Pleasant Valley Wind in its Petition incorporating EERA staff's permit language modifications in its December 12, 2013, comments as well as the following modification to the Site Permit:

Site Permit Cover Page

Pleasant Valley Wind, LLC is authorized to construct and operate up to a ~~301~~ 200 Megawatt Large Wind Energy Conversion System on the site identified in this site permit and in compliance with the conditions contained in this petition.

2. Replace Site Permit Map (Attachment 1) and Turbine Layout Maps (Attachments 1A and 1B) of the site permit with the revised Site Permit Map included with Pleasant Valley Wind's petition (Attachment 1).
3. Require Pleasant Valley Wind to provide the updated Natural Heritage Information System data identified by DNR staff in its December 12, 2013 filing.

The motion passed, 4-0.

**E-015/M-13-1084**

**In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of an Amendment to the Electric Service Agreement Between Boise, Inc. and Minnesota Power**

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Approve Minnesota Power's proposed Amendment to the Electric Service Agreement with Boise, Inc.
2. Approve Minnesota Power's request for a continued waiver to the four-year cancellation provision in its LP Service Schedule for the purposes of this Amendment.
3. Approve Minnesota Power's request for a variance to Minn. Rule, part 7829.3200.

The motion passed, 4-0.

**E-015/AI-13-966**

**In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of an Affiliated Interest Agreement with Superior Water, Light and Power Company**

Commissioner Lange moved that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Approve Minnesota Power's proposed Electric Service Agreement with SWLP.
2. Approve Minnesota Power's proposed compliance filing process, subject to the following conditions:
  - A. Each compliance filing must contain:
    1. a detailed description of the modifications to the ESA which prompted the compliance filing, and
    2. confirmation that the modifications will apply to all of MP's wholesale ESAs and that SWLP is not receiving any preferential or discriminatory treatment.

- B. Within 30 days of submission of a compliance filing, any interested party may file comments on the compliance filing to initiate a full review of MP's agreement with SWLP. If no comments are filed, the modifications are deemed approved by the Commission.
3. Clarify that the Commission's approval of the proposed compliance filing process applies only in this Docket, and does not set a precedent on which Minnesota Power or other utilities can rely in future dockets.

The motion passed, 4-0.

**G-001/M-13-579**

**In the Matter of Interstate Power and Light Company's Request for Changes in Demand Entitlements**

Commissioner Lange moved that the Commission approve the following actions:

1. Approve Interstate Power and Light Company's proposed level of demand entitlements as proposed in its Supplemental Filing.
2. Allow Interstate Power and Light Company to recover associated demand costs through the monthly Purchased Gas Adjustment effective November 1, 2013.

The motion passed, 4-0.

**E-017/M-13-103**

**In the matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Request for Approval of a Transmission Cost Recovery Rider Annual Adjustment**

Commissioner O'Brien moved to take the following actions:

1. Determine that the Sheyenne-Audubon project is no longer needed.
2. Order the Company to identify Schedule 37 and 38 revenues as such in future filings.
3. Determine that the CapX2020 Bemidji projects being recovered in the Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Rider are subject to a cost cap of \$74 million.
4. Determine that the capitalized internal costs of approximately \$1.76 million will not be allowed to be recovered in the TCR Rider.
5. Require the Company to include all Schedule 26 costs and all Schedule 26 revenues in the TCR Rider.

6. Do not allow the Company to add a carrying charge to the tracker balance for the TCR Rider and the Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Rider effective with the date of the order in this docket.

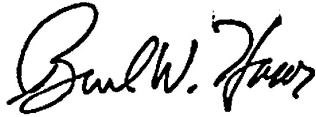
The motion passed, 4-0.

Chair Heydinger then moved that all changes to the TCR Rider arising from the Commission's actions in this matter will be effective as of the date of the Order. Chair Heydinger further moved that the Company will be required to file a compliance filing within 30 days of the date of the Commission's Order demonstrating the Company's recalculation of the TCR Rider and its proposal to credit ratepayers to reflect the changes in the TCRR set forth in the Commission's Order.

The motion passed, 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: March 19, 2014**



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**Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary**