

The Commission met on **Monday, November 19, 2012**, with Commissioners Heydinger, Boyd, Reha, and Wergin present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

P-6065/RV-12-896

Revocation of QX Telecom LLC's Certificate of Authority

Commissioner Wergin moved that the Commission revoke the Company's authority as recommended by the Department.

The motion passed 4 – 0.

P-6253/RV-12-897

Revocation of Master Call Communications Inc.'s Certificate of Authority

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission revoke the Company's authority as recommended by the Department.

The motion passed 4 – 0.

P-5695,P-6153,P-6182/M-12-1016

Petition of WWC Holding Co., Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and RCC Minnesota, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless for Relinquishment of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) Status in Minnesota

Commissioner Boyd moved that the petition be approved, and that the Verizon Companies be permitted to notify affected customers and relinquish their ETC status in the service areas specified in Exhibit A of its petition as of December 31, 2012.

The motion passed 4 – 0.

ENERGY AGENDA

IP-6828/CN-09-937

In the Matter of the Application of Pleasant Valley Wind LLC for a Certificate of Need for a 301-Megawatt Wind Farm in Dodge and Mower Counties

Commissioner Boyd moved to grant a variance to Minn. R. 7849.0400, subp. 2 H to extend the period for Commission consideration of the change of circumstances petition for an unspecified but reasonable period of time.

The motion passed 4 – 0.

E-002/TL-12-401

In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy and Great River Energy for a Route Permit for the Upgrade of the Southwest Twin Cities Chaska Area 69-kV Transmission Line to 115 kv Capacity

Commissioner Wergin moved to take no action.

The motion passed 4 – 0.

E-001/M-12-298

Request by Interstate Power and Light Company for Approval of the Company's Electric Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment and 2011 Electric Demand Side Management Financial Incentive

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission:

1. approve Interstate Power and Light's proposed electric 2011 Demand-Side Management financial incentive of \$250,841 and allow the Company to book this amount in its tracker account;
2. approve Interstate Power and Light's 2011 electric Conservation Improvement Program tracker account, as summarized in Table 1 in the Department's comments; and,
3. approve Interstate Power and Light's proposed 2012/2013 Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment of (\$0.00236) per kWh.

The motion passed 4 – 0.

E015/M-12-287

Minnesota Power's 2011 Conservation Improvement Program Consolidated Filing

Commissioner Boyd moved that the Commission:

1. approve Minnesota Power's 2011 Conservation Improvement Program Tracker Account Activity as summarized in Table 1 in the Department's comments;
2. approve a 2011 Demand-Side Management incentive for Minnesota Power of \$7,772,785;
3. approve a variance of Minnesota Rules parts 7820.3500 and 7825.2600 to permit the Company to combine the Conservation Program Adjustment with the Fuel Clause Adjustment on customer bills;
4. approve a Conservation Program Adjustment of \$0.004537 per kWh starting with the first billing cycle following Commission approval.
5. Approve Minnesota Power's plan for alerting customers to the change in rates due to the changes to its Conservation Program Adjustment factor.

The motion passed 4 – 0.

E-6125/RP-12-723

In the Matter of Basin Electric Power Cooperative's Optional Integrated Resource Plan Compliance

Commissioner Boyd moved that the Commission:

1. Acknowledge receipt of Basin’s report, find the report complete with the supplemental information provided by Basin on October 19, 2012, and close the current docket without findings on the merits of the plan.
2. Following the filing of an annual report on July 1, 2013, issue a notice with initial and reply comment periods.

The motion passed 4 – 0.

E-016/M-12-377

In the Matter of the Annual Review of Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company's (NWWEC) 2011 Annual Safety, Reliability, Service Quality Report and Proposed Annual Reliability Standards

Commissioner Boyd moved that the Commission:

1. Approve Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company’s April 16, 2012 safety, reliability, and service quality reports as compliant with Minn. R. Ch. 7826 and relevant Commission orders.
2. Establish Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company’s 2012 reliability standards as:

	SAIDI	SAIFI	CAIDI
2012 Standard	152.70	1.30	117.46

The motion passed 4 – 0.

E-015/M-12-308

In the Matter of the Annual Review of Minnesota Power Company's (MP) 2011 Annual Safety, Reliability, Service Quality Report and Proposed Annual Reliability Standards

Commissioner Wergin moved that the Commission:

1. Approve Minnesota Power Company’s March 30, 2012 safety, reliability, and service quality reports as compliant with Minn. R. Ch. 7826 and relevant Commission orders.
2. Establish Minnesota Power Company’s 2012 reliability standards as:

	SAIDI	SAIFI	CAIDI
2012 Standard	97.69	1.02	95.40

3. Require the Company to include the following in its next annual safety, reliability, and service quality reports:
 - a. a description of the policies, procedures, and actions that it has implemented, and plans to implement, to assure reliability, including information on how the Company is demonstrating proactive management of the system as a whole, increased reliability, and active contingency planning.
 - b. a summary table that allows the reader to more easily assess the overall reliability of the system and identify the main factors that affect reliability.

The motion passed 4 – 0.

E-017/M-12-325

In the Matter of Reviewing of Otter Tail Power Company's (OTP) 2011 Annual Safety, Reliability, Service Quality Report and Proposed Annual Reliability Standards for 2012

Commissioner Boyd moved that the Commission:

1. Require Otter Tail Power Company, within 45 days of the date of the Commission’s order, to file a full action plan as required by Minnesota Rules 7826.0500, subp. 1(E).
2. Approve Otter Tail Power Company’s April 2, 2012 safety, reliability, and service quality reports as compliant with Minn. R. Ch. 7826 and relevant Commission orders, provided the action plan is filed as required.
3. Establish Otter Tail Power Company’s 2012 reliability standards as:

Work Station	SAIDI	SAIFI	CAIDI
Bemidji	58.74	1.16	50.64
Crookston	48.58	0.93	52.24
Fergus Falls	69.16	1.17	59.11
Milbank	59.24	1.57	37.73
Morris	55.71	1.12	49.74
Wahpeton	57.00	1.15	49.57

4. Require the Company to include the following in its next annual safety, reliability, and service quality reports:
 - a. a description of the policies, procedures, and actions that it has implemented, and plans to implement, to assure reliability, including information demonstrating proactive management of the system as a whole, increased reliability, and active contingency planning.
 - b. a summary table that allows the reader to more easily assess the overall reliability of the system and identify the main factors that affect reliability.

- c. a comparison of the results of using the IEEE 2.5 beta method and its former method of storm normalization.
- d. a report on the major causes of outages for major event days.

The motion passed 4 – 0.

E-002/M-12-313

In the Matter of the Annual Review of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy's (Xcel) 2011 Annual Safety, Reliability, Service Quality Report and Proposed Annual Reliability Standards for 2012

Commissioner Wergin moved that the Commission:

- 1. Approve Xcel’s March 30, 2012 safety, reliability, and service quality reports as compliant with Minn. R. Ch. 7826 and relevant Commission orders.
- 2. Establish Xcel’s 2012 reliability standards as:

Work Center	SAIDI	SAIFI	CAIDI
Metro East	84.99	0.97	87.27
Metro West	99.98	1.02	98.29
Northwest	101.53	0.91	111.97
Southeast	86.62	0.81	107.31

- 3. Require the Company to include the following in its next annual safety, reliability, and service quality reports:
 - a. a description of the policies, procedures, and actions that it has implemented, and plans to implement, to assure reliability, including information demonstrating proactive management of the system as a whole, increased reliability, and active contingency planning.
 - b. a summary table (or summary information in some other format) that allows the reader to more easily assess the overall reliability of the system and identify the main factors that affect reliability.
 - c. a report on the major causes of outages for major event days.
- 4. Require Xcel to consider other factors, in addition to historical data, on which to base its reliability indices for 2013 in an effort to demonstrate its commitment toward improving reliability performance.
- 5. Require Xcel to continue its efforts in the reporting of major service interruptions to the Commission’s Consumer Affairs Office.

The motion passed 4 – 0.

E-001/M-12-320

In the Matter of the Annual Review of Interstate Power & Light Company's (IPL) 2011 Annual Safety, Reliability, Service Quality Report and Proposed Annual Reliability Standards for 2012

Commissioner Boyd moved that the Commission:

1. Approve Interstate Power & Light Company's April 2, 2012 safety, reliability, and service quality reports as compliant with Minn. R. Ch. 7826 and relevant Commission orders.
2. Establish Interstate Power & Light's 2012 reliability standards as:

Work Center	SAIDI	SAIFI	CAIDI
Winnebago	59.81	0.90	66.17
Albert Lea	80.30	1.02	78.44

3. Require the Company to include the following in its next annual safety, reliability, and service quality reports:
 - a. a description of the policies, procedures, and actions that it has implemented, and plans to implement, to assure reliability, including information demonstrating proactive management of the system as a whole, increased reliability, and active contingency planning.
 - b. a status update on the recloser and fuse coordination at affected substations to ensure proper fuse sizes have been installed to coordinate with substation protection equipment operation.
 - c. a report on the five-year construction plan based on the most recent reliability indices and circuit performance information. This report should evaluate where construction dollars will have the greatest impact on reliability and include the cost and benefit to customers.
 - d. a report on the Company's review of the Life Extension guidelines with field engineering and construction crews. The review should ensure wildlife protection is installed on all projects and lightning protection is installed as designed by the engineer.
 - e. a summary table that allows the reader to more easily assess the overall reliability of the system and identify the main factors that affect reliability.
 - f. a report on the major causes of outages for major event days.

E-104,114,121,126&145/CG-12-146

In the Matter of the Petition by Renewable Energy SD, LLC for Resolution of Cogeneration and Small Power Production Disputes with Benco Electric Cooperative, Federated Rural Electric Association, Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association, Nobles Cooperative Electric and Tri-County Electric Cooperative under Minn. Stat. 216B.164, Subd. 5 (the Petition)

Commissioner Wergin moved to grant the motion of Benco Electric Cooperative, Federated Rural Electric Association, Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association, Nobles Cooperative Electric and Tri-County Electric Cooperative to compel in part and require Renewable Energy SD, LLC (RES D) to respond, within 20 days of the date of this meeting, directly to the specific questions in the following information requests:

- Information requests 4, 5, and 6 (information related to the operation of the wind turbines and the Busch-Rexroth control device);
- Information request 7 (RES D's position on how to measure "less than 40 kW capacity");
- Information request 8 (RES D's marketing and advertising materials provided to customers), with the limitation that if the parties need a protective order they should attempt to reach an agreement about one and file it, or bring the matter back before the Commission.

Chair Heydinger proposed amending the motion to compel RES D to respond within 10 days of the order rather than within 20 days of the meeting. Commissioner Wergin accepted the amendment.

Chair Heydinger proposed amending the motion to direct RES D to file the required information in eDockets. Commissioner Wergin accepted the amendment.

Commissioner Wergin amended the motion to compel RES D to respond within 30 days of the order rather than within 10 days of the order.

The amended motion passed 4 – 0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: January 3, 2013



Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary