

The Commission met on **Thursday, August 1, 2013**, with Acting Chair Boyd, and Commissioners Lange and O'Brien present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

**P-6437/RV-13-420**

**In the Matter of the Revocation of Backpack Solutions, Inc. d/b/a Inter.com's Certificate of Authority**

Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve Backpack Solutions, Inc.'s certificate of authority.

The motion passed, 3-0.

**E-002/CN=12-1240**

**In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company d/b/a/Xcel Energy for Approval of Competitive Resource Acquisition Proposal and Certificate of Need**

Commissioner Lange moved to deny the request for reconsideration

The motion passed, 3-0.

**E-015/TL-13-68**

**In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for a Route Permit for the Deer River High Voltage Transmission Line Project in Itasca County**

Commissioner Lange moved to take no action.

The motion passed, 3-0.

**IP-6687/CN-08-951**

**IP-76687/TL-08-988**

**IP-6687/WS-08-1134**

**In the Matter of Flat Hill Windpark I, LLC's Certificate of Need, Route Permit, and Site Permit for its 201 MW Wind Project in Clay County**

Commissioner O'Brien moved to take the following action:

*Certificate of Need*

1. Vary Minn. R. 7849.0400
2. Determine that the change in timing from June 2011 to December 31, 2015 is acceptable without recertification.

*Site Permit*

3. Issue an amended Site Permit such that the date for compliance with permit conditions; and II.J.4 and III. K.2 will be two years after the issuance date of the amended Site Permit;
4. Amend condition III.L of the Site Permit to extend the expiration date of the permit until 30 years after the issuance date of the amended Site Permit;
5. Incorporate EFP staff's permit language amendments;
6. Authorize Commission staff to make further permit modifications necessary to ensure consistency of recently issued permits;
7. Request that Flat Hill Windpark I, LLC file an ownership chart; and
8. Require Flat Hill Windpark I, LLC to file a compliance document upon receipt of NHIS data from the DNR indicating whether the data has changed since original NHIS data search was conducted.

*Route Permit*

9. Amend condition IV.J of the Route Permit to allow Flat Hill until four years after the issuance date of the amendment to commence construction or improvement of the route.
10. Incorporate EFP staff's permit language amendments;
11. Authorize Commission staff to make any technical or clerical permit updates necessary; and
12. Require Flat Hill Windpark I, LLC to file a compliance document upon receipt of NHIS data from the DNR indicating whether the data has changed since original NHIS data search was conducted.

The motion passed, 3-0.

**E-299, E-132/SA-13-357**

**In the Matter of the Joint Request of the Rochester Public Utilities and People's Energy Cooperative for Approval of a Service Territory Agreement**

Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the requested service territory transfer from People's to the City.

The motion passed, 3-0.

**U-999/R-13-24**

**In the Matter of Possible Amendments to Rules Governing Utility Proceeding, Practice, and Procedure, Minnesota Rules Chapter 7829, Excluding Part 7829.2550, Which is Subject to a Separate Pending Rulemaking**

Commissioner Boyd moved to direct staff to initiate a thirty-day comment period and to solicit public comments concerning the rule draft, including possible further amendments to draft rule parts 7829.0250 (concerning sanctions) and 7829.2600 (adding "to the extent practicable").

The motion passed 3 – 0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: September 4, 2013**

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**Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary**