

The Commission met on **Thursday, February 14, 2013**, with Chair Heydinger and Commissioners Reha, and O'Brien present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

E-002/TL-12-1151

In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy for a Route Permit for the Kohlman Lake to Goose Lake 115 kV Transmission Line Upgrade Project in Ramsey County

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

P-5096,5542/C-09-265

In the Matter of the Complaint by Qwest Communications Co. Against Tekstar Communications, Inc. Regarding Traffic Pumping

Commissioner O'Brien moved to take the following actions:

1. Dismiss the complaint with prejudice;
2. Approve the terms of the Settlement filed by Tekstar and the Minnesota Department of Commerce; and
3. Close the docket.

The motion passed 3-0.

P-5542/M-12-1304

In the Matter of a Request to Amend the Certificate of Authority of Tekstar Communications, Inc. to Expand its Service Area

Commissioner Reha moved to grant Tekstar Communications, Inc. conditional authority to provide facilities based services in the exchanges included in the Twin Cities Rate Center where Qwest d/b/a CenturyLink QC, Citizens Telecommunications of Minnesota, Inc., and Frontier Communications of Minnesota, Inc. are currently the Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs); in the exchanges of Lindstrom, Scandia Marine and Taylors Falls where Citizens Telecommunications of Minnesota, Inc. is currently the ILEC; the exchanges of Henderson, LeCenter and Montgomery where Frontier Communications of Minnesota, Inc. is currently the ILEC; the exchanges of Cambridge, LeSueur, North Branch, Princeton and Stillwater where Qwest d/b/a CenturyLink QC is currently the ILEC; and the exchanges of Chaska, Cokato, Hastings, Howard Lake, Norwood and Osseo where Embarq Minnesota, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink is currently the ILEC conditioned upon the Company receiving Commission approval of an updated 911 plan covering the expanded service area, any necessary interconnection agreements and the company must file an updated price list/tariff prior to offering service in the Proposed Service Area.

The motion passed 3-0.

ENERGY AGENDA

E-001/M-12-950

In the Matter of Interstate Power and Light Company's 2013 Renewable Energy Cost Recovery Adjustment

E-001/M-10-312

In the Matter of Interstate Power and Light Company's Petition for Approval of Eligibility for Investment in Whispering Willow-East, Renewable Energy Recovery Adjustment, and 2010 Rate

Commissioner Reha moved to take the following actions:

1. Refer the issue of recovery of Whispering Willow-East costs for 2013 to Docket No. E-001/M-10-312; and
2. Defer consideration of renewable energy credit purchase costs to the RES rider filing subsequent to the Commission's determination of the issues in Docket No. E-001/M-10-312.

The motion passed 3-0.

E015/M-11-1264

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of Deferred Accounting Related to Pension Plan Contributions and Expenses

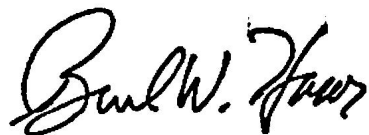
Chair Jones Heydinger moved that the Commission:

1. Deny Minnesota Power's request to allow deferred accounting for costs related to its pension plan to allow for a return on its prepaid pension plan contributions and to defer pension expenses in excess of the amount allowed in its last rate case.
2. Deny Minnesota Power's request to allow it to determine on an annual basis whether to make the contribution to the trust account.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: February 27, 2013



Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary