

The Commission met on **Thursday, November 13, 2014**, with Chair Heydinger and Commissioners Boyd, Lipschultz, and Wergin present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

ENERGY AGENDA

G-004/D-14-425

In the Matter of Great Plains Natural Gas' Annual Depreciation Study

Commissioner Boyd moved to

1. Approve the depreciation parameters and depreciation rates proposed in Great Plains' 2014 Depreciation Study;
2. Require Great Plains to file its next depreciation study by June 1, 2015; and
3. Require Great Palins to file a five-year depreciation study by June 1, 2017.

The motion passed 4–0.

E, G-001/D-14-559

In the Matter of Interstate Power and Light Company's Petition for Approval of its 2014 Annual Depreciation Study

Commissioner Wergin moved to

1. Approve IPL's proposed remaining lives, salvage rates, and resulting depreciation rates, effective January 1, 2014. IPL's next five-year study is due July 1, 2015.
2. Continue to require IPL to provide a table (including all electric generating facilities) in its next depreciation filing comparing remaining lives used for depreciation purposes and the lives used for resource planning purposes and explain any differences between the two lives.
3. These requirements end for IPL's gas and electric utilities if and when pending transactions transferring the Company's Minnesota assets and operations are concluded for each utility.

The motion passed 4–0.

G-008/D-14-599

In the Matter of the Petition of CenterPoint Energy for Approval of Depreciation Certification

Commissioner Lipschultz moved to

1. Approve CenterPoint's proposed service lives, net salvage rates, and resulting depreciation rates except for the proposed life and resulting depreciation rate for Computer Software, Account 391.4. For this account, deny the proposed life of 15 years and approve continuation of the currently approved life of 9 years and the resulting depreciation rate.
2. Require CenterPoint to file:
 - a. Its next five-year study by July 15, 2019; and
 - b. A depreciation certification petition 60 days prior to any general rate case filing prior to July 15, 2019 if CenterPoint projects significant depreciation rate changes; and
 - c. An explanation in its next rate case explaining why a depreciation filing was not necessary, if such is the case; and
 - d. A depreciation certification petition whenever its annual review, anticipations, and intentions suggest that any depreciation rate is not still generally appropriate.

The motion passed 4-0.

E-002/M-14-733

In the Matter of Northern States Power Company's d/b/a Xcel Energy Renewable Energy Standard Rider

Chair Heydinger moved to

1. Find that the Company's RES Rider revenue requirement calculations are reasonable, resulting in a refund to customers of some \$2.31 million at the time of the initial petition; require the Company to adjust this amount to reflect the delay in decision-making and a December refund time frame.
2. Approve the Company's RES Rider's revenue requirement of negative \$2.31 million for the true-up of the 2013 PTC amounts, adjusted as necessary to reflect the delay in decision-making and the December refund time frame.
3. Find the Company's 2013 True-up Report to be reasonable and accept it.
4. Find the Company's calculation and proposed implementation of the RES Rate Adjustment Factor reasonable and its proposal to reduce the RES Rate Adjustment Factor to 0% starting in January 2015 to be reasonable.

5. Approve the Company's RES Adjustment Factors and its proposal for implementation, updated to reflect the December refund time frame.
6. Find the redline changes to the Company's tariff to be reasonable and consistent with the Company's request and approve the Company's revised RES Rider tariff pages.
7. Encourage Xcel to work with Commission staff in crafting the final language of its customer notice.

The motion passed 4-0.

E,G-002/AI-14-234

In the Matter of the Request by Northern States Power Company for Approval of a Second Amendment to the Service Agreement Between the Company and Xcel Energy Services Inc.

Commissioner Boyd moved to

1. Approve the Second Amendment to the Service Agreement between Northern States Power Company and Xcel Energy Services Inc. as modified in Xcel's August 8, 2014 Reply Comments.
2. Require Xcel to submit an annual filing for review and approval of any proposed revisions to the Service Agreement language that would reflect changes to its allocation methodology under the normal course of business. In the case of a large and material change such as the creation of a new subsidiary, changes to the Service Agreement would be made within 30 days of the amendment.
3. Require Xcel to submit an executed Second Amendment that contains all changes approved by the Commission in a compliance filing within 30 days of the Commission's Order.

The motion passed 4-0.

E-002/M-14-614

In the Matter of the Petition of Xcel Energy to Include in Fuel Clause Net Credit to Customers for Transmission Interchange Reconciliation Amounts

Chair Heydinger moved to

1. Find that the appropriate basis for the Jurisdictional Allocator to be used in this case is January 2013 to December 2013, which results in a 73.81% allocator and a refund amount of \$4,170,423.92.
2. Find that interest should be added to the refund amount.

3. Find that interest shall be paid at the prime rate, as analogous to the automatic adjustment rules, Minn. Rules, part 7825.2400, subpart 16 and part 7825.2920, subpart 2.
4. Find that the appropriate time period over which interest should apply is February 1, 2014 through the most recent period when Xcel's ratepayers were overcharged.
5. To the extent that the adjustments could be considered to be out-of-period, grant Xcel a rule variance in order to proceed with the net refund to ratepayers.

The motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: December 3, 2014



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