

The Commission met on **Thursday, November 3, 2011**, with Chair Anderson, and Commissioners Boyd, Reha and Wergin present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

ENERGY AGENDA

ET-2/TL-11-915

In the Matter of the Route Permit Application for the Enterprise Park to Crooked Lake 115kV Transmission Line Project in Anoka County

Commissioner Wergin moved that the Commission:

1. Accept the Great River Energy route permit application for the Enterprise Park to Crooked Lake 115 kV transmission line project as complete;
2. Authorize the Department of Commerce Energy Facility Permitting (EFP) staff to process the application under the alternative permitting process pursuant to Minn. Rules, Part 7850.2800 to 7850.3900;
3. Authorize EFP staff to name a public advisor in this case; and
4. Determine that based on the available information an advisory task force is not necessary at this time.

The motion passed, 4-0.

E-002, ET-2/CN-11-826

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy and Great River Energy for a Certificate of Need for the Upgrade of the Southwest Twin Cities Chaska Area 69 kV Transmission Line to 115kV Capacity

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission grant the Applicants' exemption request.

The motion passed 4-0.

E-002,325/SA-11-934

In the Matter of the Joint Request of Northern States Power company and the City of Waseca for Approval of Service Territory Compensation and Orderly Transfer Agreement

Commissioner Wergin moved that the Commission approve the petition.

The motion passed 4-0.

E-002/M-11-939

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Request for Extension to Submit its 2011 Review of Nuclear Plant Decommissioning

E-002/D-08-1201

In the Matter of Northern States Power Company d/b/A Xcel Energy's 2009 Nuclear Plant Decommissioning Accrual

Commissioner Boyd moved that the Commission approve the request for extension until November 30, 2011.

The motion passed 4-0.

E-015/M-11-274

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of its Renewable Resource Rider and 2011 Renewable Factor

Commissioner Wergin moved that the Commission:

1. Approve MP's Petition for its 2011 Renewable Resources Rider and Renewable Factor based on the total April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012 Minnesota jurisdictional revenue requirements of \$13,949,950 and subject to the following conditions:
 - A. MP return to ratepayers all of the tax credits;
 - B. MP file with the Commission within 30 days of receiving any additional credits as a result of the Bison 1 project, and add the credit as an offset to the revenue requirement;
 - C. Require MP to allocate LP's revenue requirements between demand and energy consistently with the allocation method approved by the Commission in MP's most recent rate case.
2. Direct MP to maintain the 2011 RES rate factor at the existing rate until its next RRR filing subject to the normal tracker/true-up reporting requirements.

The motion passed 4-0.

ET-3/RP-11-918

In the Matter of Dairyland Power Cooperative's Integrated Resource Plan for 2011-2026

Commissioner Boyd moved that the Commission:

1. Find Dairyland Power Cooperative's 2011-2026 Integrated Resource Plan to be complete; and
2. Direct Dairyland Power Cooperative to continue to work with Commission staff to ensure compliance with the Commission's published Data Practices filing requirements.

The motion passed, 4-0.

E-015/AA-10-933

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Request for Authorization to Institute an Annual FCA True-up Mechanism in Compliance with the Stipulation and Agreement in Docket No.

E-015/GR-08-415

Commissioner Wergin moved to allow Minnesota Power to withdraw the filing without prejudice.

The motion passed 4 – 0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: November 23, 2011

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Burl W. Haar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary