

The Commission met on **Thursday, March 15, 2012**, with Commissioners Reha, Boyd, O'Brien, and Wergin present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

ENERGY AGENDA

ET-6133/RP-11-771

In the Matter of Minnesota Municipal Power Agency's Application for Integrated Resource Plan Approval, 2012-2026

Commissioner Boyd moved that the Commission:

1. Accept MMPA's 2012-2026 Integrated Resource Plan subject to the recommendations adopted below.
 - A. Accept MMPA's energy and peak demand forecast as presented in the Agency's resource plan; and
 - B. Recommend that MMPA continue to strive to achieve energy savings averaging 1.5 percent of the Agency's retail sales.
2. Recommend that MMPA provide an analysis in its next resource plan of what level of DSM appears achievable, taking into account historic results.
3. In future modeling, recommend that MMPA include:
 - A. An analysis of a range of possible fuel and capital costs, along with a range of environmental costs;
 - B. An analysis of what capacity additions best meet its needs considering the resources currently in its portfolio; and
 - C. Inclusion of Commission-approved CO₂ and externality costs in its base case.
4. Require MMPA to file its next resource plan on August 1, 2013.

The motion passed, 3-0.

E, G-002/CIP-11-839

G-004/CIP-11-981

E-017/CIP-11-913

In the Matter of the Petition by American Crystal Sugar Company's for Conservation Improvement Program Exemption

Commissioner Wergin moved that the Commission:

1. Find that American Crystal Sugar's Moorhead facility does not meet the statutory criteria to qualify for exemption as a commercial gas customer because it is a large customer facility;
2. Make no decision on whether to rescind the Department's decision on American Crystal Sugar's CIP exemption petition under Minn. Stat. § 216B.241, subd. 1a(b), for its Crookston and Moorhead facilities;
3. Remand this matter to the Department to allow American Crystal Sugar the opportunity to provide the following requested information on the Moorhead and Crookston facilities:
 - A. A list of all 2006-2011 potential CIP and non-CIP projects and programs that were reviewed by American Crystal Sugar that could have led to energy conservation savings that were not implemented, including specific details for each project or program on:
 - i. what equipment or plant would have been replaced, repaired, or improved;
 - ii. the reasons why the projects were not implemented;
 - iii. all related cost data; and
 - iv. any other information that would enable the Department or the Commission to evaluate American Crystal Sugar's efforts to identify, evaluate, and implement CIP and non-CIP energy conservation and efficiency improvements.
4. American Crystal Sugar shall include in its submission on remand a list of all projects under consideration for future energy conservation savings (CIP and non-CIP).
5. American Crystal Sugar shall provide all requested information within 45 days of the Commission's Order in this matter.
6. The Commission requests the Department to issue its supplemental decision regarding the Company's requested CIP exemption within 45 days of receipt of the requested information from American Crystal Sugar.

The motion passed, 3-0.

E-015/CG-11-1073

**In the Matter of the Petition by Highwater Wind LLC and Gadwall Wind LLC for
Resolution of a Cogeneration and Small Power Production Dispute with Minnesota Power
under Minn. Stat.**

§ 216B.164, subd. 5

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: March 28, 2012

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Burl W. Haar".

Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary