

The Commission met on **Thursday, October 17, 2013**, with Acting Chair Boyd and Commissioners Lange, O'Brien, and Wergin present.

The following matters came before the Commission:

ENERGY AGENDA

E-017/M-03-30

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Compliance Report

Commissioner Wergin moved to approved Otter Tail Power Company's compliance report and the annual true-up credit of 0.2 mills per kilowatt-hour (kWh) to be refunded over the 12-month period beginning September 1, 2013.

The motion passed 4 – 0.

G-008/M-13-373

In the Matter of CenterPoint Energy's 2012 Demand Side Management Financial Incentive, Conservation Improvement Program Tracker Report, and Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment Aggregated Compliance Filing

Commissioner Wergin moved to do the following:

1. Approve the proposed 2012 Demand Side Management financial incentive of \$3,207,411 to be included in the Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) tracker account of CenterPoint Energy (CenterPoint), a Division of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., no sooner than the date the Commission issues its order.
2. Approved CenterPoint's 2012 CIP tracker account, as provided in CenterPoint's response to the Minnesota Department of Commerce (the Department), and summarized in the Department's comments of September 16, 2013, in Table 1.
3. Approved CenterPoint's proposed Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment of \$0.00659 per therm, to be effective on the first billing cycle in the next full month after Commission approval, conditioned on the CenterPoint's submitting, within 10 days of this order, a compliance filing with the relevant tariff sheets and necessary calculation that comply with the Commission's determinations.
4. Approved the following bill message:

The MPUC has approved a Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment (CCRA) factor of \$0.00659 per therm. This charge is used to fund energy conservation activities and has been added to your delivery charge. For more information please call 1-800-245-2377 or visit our website at www.centerpointenergy.com.

The motion passed 4 – 0.

G-008/M-13-333

In the Matter of the Petition of CenterPoint Energy for Approval of a Miscellaneous Tariff Change

Commissioner Lange moved to allow CenterPoint to withdraw its petition.

The motion passed 4 – 0.

G-007,011/AI-12-409

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Approval of an Affiliated Interest Agreement between MERC and Integrys Transportation Fuels, Inc.

Commissioner O'Brien moved to do the following:

1. Grant the request of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC) to withdraw its April 25, 2012 affiliated interest agreement petition between MERC and Integrys Transportation Fuels, Inc.; and
2. Ask the Department to provide to the Commission, in its review of the fiscal-year 2013 annual automatic adjustment reports in Docket No. G-999/AA-13-600, *In the Matter of the 2012-2013 Annual Automatic Adjustment (AAA) Reports and the 2012-2013 Annual Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) True-Up Filings*, and based on the responses to the Department's information requests and any further inquiry, to include a planning meeting and work with Commission staff to develop a report and recommendation on what role, if any, should regulated utilities have in the development of compressed natural gas refueling stations in Minnesota.

The motion passed 4 - 0.

E-002/M-13-475

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Approval of its 2013 Renewable Energy Standard Rider Adjustment Factor

Commissioner Wergin to do the following:

1. Approve a true-up of the base rate Production Tax Credit.
2. Approve the Renewable Energy Standard (RES) rider as the mechanism to carry out the Production Tax Credit true-up.
3. Find that the Production Tax Credit true-up applies to credits earned on or after September 1, 2012, the date corresponding with the termination of the Renewable Energy Standard rider, coincident to the implementation of the final base rates that assumed RES cost recovery.

4. Find that Production Tax Credit true-up amounts to be recovered (or refunded) are not to be netted with the May 31, 2013 Net Operating Loss/Deferred Tax Asset refund amounts related to the settlement from Xcel's 2010 rate case (Docket No. E-002/GR-10-971).
5. Approve the Production Tax Credit true-up report corresponding to the approved true-up period.
6. Approve the proposed calculation methodology to determine the RES Rider factor.
7. Direct Xcel to work with the Commission's Consumer Affairs Office to finalize the customer billing notice language.
8. Direct the Company to submit a compliance filing within 10 days of the Commission's Order which includes updated RES Rider factor calculations and corresponding tariff pages, for the approved recovery amount over the proposed time period, through August 31, 2014.

The motion passed 4 - 0.

E-002/M-13-716

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of the Acquisition of 150 MW of Wind Generation

E-002/M-13-603

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of the Acquisition of 600 MW of Wind Generation

Chair Heydinger joined the meeting.

Commissioner O'Brien moved to do the following:

1. Deny the request for a contested case hearing.
2. Under the Commission's authority in Minn. Stat. Chap. 216A and 216B, find that Information Request 0012 does not raise material issues, and deny the request of the Joint C-BED Intervenors¹ for an additional comment period or opportunity to supplement its comments.
3. Find Xcel's proposals to be a reasonable and prudent approach to meeting its RES obligations.
4. Find Xcel's Courtenay Wind Farm and Odell Wind Farm projects eligible for cost recovery pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.1645, subd. 2.

¹ Ecos Energy, LLC, Summit Wind, LLC, Jeffers South, LLC, Hurricane Wind, LLC, Garvin Wind, LLC, Gadwall Wind, LLC, Greenhead Wind, LLC, Watonwan Wind, LLC, and Highwater Wind, LLC.

5. Find the acquisition of the of Pleasant Valley Wind Farm and Border Winds Project as consistent with the public interest pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.50.
6. Grant a variance to Minn. R. 7825.1800(B).
7. Find the Odell wind project exempt pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.243, subd. 9.
8. Find that in order for Xcel to recover any transmission interconnection costs above the cap included in the contracts, Xcel must make a filing with the Commission and receive approval for the request.
9. Require Xcel to report in its monthly fuel clause filings and annual automatic adjustment filings the date and duration of any curtailment event(s), the amount of any curtailment payments, and explanation of reason for any curtailment.
10. Require that when Xcel submits a filing for cost recovery associated with the Pleasant Valley and Borders wind projects, Xcel should clearly identify the amount of total interconnection costs and provide documentation and a justification for the total amount proposed to be included in rates.
11. Require Xcel to work with the Chamber by the Pleasant Valley and Borders in-service dates (or 2015, whichever comes first) on a cost recovery incentive mechanism.

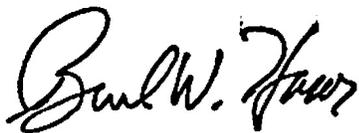
Commissioner O'Brien modified his motion at paragraph 8 as follows:

8. Find that in order for Xcel to recover any transmission interconnection costs above the cap included in the contracts in Docket No. 13-716, Xcel must make a filing with the Commission and receive approval for the request.

The motion passed 5 – 0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: November 13, 2013



Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary