

The Commission met on **Thursday, August 26, 2010**, with Commissioners Pugh, Reha, and Wergin present. Commissioner Reha presided as chair.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

ENERGY AGENDA

G-004/D-10-533

In the Matter of Great Plains Natural Gas Company's 2010 Remaining Life Depreciation Petition

Commissioner Wergin moved that the Commission

1. Certify the Company's proposed remaining lives, salvages, and resulting depreciation rates found on OES Attachment 4, effective January 1, 2010; and
2. Require the Company to file its 2011 remaining life depreciation study by June 1, 2011.

The motion passed 3-0.

E,G-999/CI-09-970

In the Matter of Updating Language to Comply with Minnesota Statute and Rule Changes

Commissioner Pugh moved that the Commission

1. Approve the April 27, 2010 and May 20, 2010 tariff pages submitted by Interstate Power and Light; and
2. Approve the March 10, 2010 tariff pages submitted by Otter Tail Power Company; and
3. Approve the May 7, 2010 tariff pages submitted by Minnesota Power; and
4. Approve the March 12, 2010 tariff pages submitted by Greater Minnesota Gas and Dakota Electric Association, to be modified with the edits recommended by the OES; and
5. Require Greater Minnesota Gas and Dakota Electric Association to make these compliance filings within 15 days of the date of the Order.

The motion passed 3-0.

E-002/M-10-486

In the Matter of the Petition of Xcel Energy for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement with Diamond K Dairy, Inc.

Commissioner Wergin moved that the Commission

1. Approve the Power Purchase Agreement with Diamond K; and
2. Approve the cost recovery as requested by Xcel; and
3. Find that the renewable energy generated by the Project is eligible for Minnesota's REO/RES; and
4. Require Xcel to offset its recovery of costs by any revenues the Company receives from any and all sources as a result of this PPA, and to report and itemize any such revenues by source and amount in its annual automatic adjustment reports.

The motion passed 3-0.

E-002/M-10-734

In the Matter of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy's Request for Approval of Two Power Purchase Agreements with North Wind Turbines, LLC and North Community Turbines, LLC

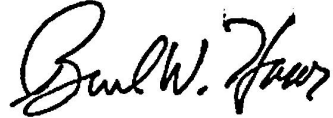
Commissioner Pugh moved that the Commission

1. Approve the power purchase agreements subject to the Company's continued obligation to administer them; and
2. Find that the PPAs are a reasonable approach to allow the Company to satisfy the renewable energy objectives and standards set forth in Minn. Stat. §216B.1691; and
3. Find that the PPAs meet the C-BED statutory reasonable requirements set forth in Minn. Stat. 216B.1612; and
4. Find that the Minnesota jurisdictional portion of the amounts incurred by the Company during the full term of these Agreements are eligible for recovery from Minnesota retail customers; and
5. Find that the Project will provide 30 MW of the 60 MW local ownership purchase requirement established in Ordering Paragraphs 5 and 6 of the March 11, 2003 Order in Docket No. E-002/CN-01-1958; and
6. Order parties to notify the Commission if and when ownership of the Project changes.

The motion passed 3-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: September 8, 2010

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Burl W. Haar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary