

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION MEETING – HYBRID FORMAT**

Issued: *August 13, 2021*

Regular agenda meetings are now conducted in a hybrid format, providing for virtual and in-person participation. Meeting participants will continue to have the opportunity to join remotely using the WebEx platform, and will also have the option to participate in the meeting from the Commission's Large Hearing Room. Because of construction in the Metro Square building, we recommend that participants continue to join remotely for the next few months.

The items listed on the attached agenda will be heard at the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting.

DATE: Thursday, August 26, 2021

TIME: 9:15am

LOCATION: Large Hearing Room, 121 7<sup>th</sup> Pl E, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101  
AND Online via WebEx  
See attached instructions

Occasionally items may need to be rescheduled. Commission staff will make all reasonable efforts to notify you if your item is rescheduled. However, if you wish to confirm this hearing date, please visit the Commission's Web calendar at [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc) or call 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782.

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Joining remotely using WebEx:

- The Commission calendar posting for agenda meetings will include a link to the webcast, a dial-in number and access code to join the meeting over the phone. Detailed instructions for joining the meeting are provided on page 2.
- Due to the high volume of users interested in observing the Commission's proceedings, we are asking members of the general public who will not have a speaking role during the Commission meeting to use the phone option to listen to the meeting, or to observe the meeting via the webcast.
- Individuals who need assistance before the meeting should contact Paula Hoena at 651-201-2211 or [Paula.Hoena@state.mn.us](mailto:Paula.Hoena@state.mn.us). Individuals experiencing technical problems during the meeting should contact Mary Swoboda at 651-201-2244 or [Mary.Swoboda@state.mn.us](mailto:Mary.Swoboda@state.mn.us).
- Parties to dockets scheduled for an agenda meeting will receive a separate invitation from Commission staff to allow them to join as a speaking member.
- Members of the public may provide written comments through the [online Comment Form](#), mail, e-mail to [consumer.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:consumer.puc@state.mn.us), fax, or eFiling. More instructions are available on the [Public Comments webpage](#). Members of the public may be invited to speak during hearings at the discretion of the Commission chair. If you would like to speak during a Commission meeting, please make that request to Paula Hoena at least two hours before the hearing is scheduled to begin. Given the technical limitations of conducting the meeting online, the public is encouraged to provide written comments in advance.
- In the event of technological disruption, the Commission has reserved a conference phone line in order to conduct the Commission's business.
- The Commission will continue to develop the remote meeting technologies and may update these instructions in the future. The most updated version of these instructions are available at <https://mn.gov/puc/newsroom/webex/>.

## Large Hearing Room

Due to construction, entrance to the Metro Square Building is possible only through the skyway entrance located above Robert Street. In addition, please be aware that there is construction on the exterior of the building and near the Large Hearing Room, and exercise caution as you enter and move through the building.

## Commission Viewing Instructions

### Streaming Link

If you are a member of the general public and would like to view the proceedings, please watch via the Commission's [webcast](#).

### Phone only

- 1) Call the phone number\* of the meeting.
- 2) Enter the **Attendee Access Code**\* when prompted, followed by the # sign. Enter the # again.
- 3) The attendee is now connected via phone to the audio portion of the meeting.

\*The dial-in phone number and attendee access code will be made available closer to the meeting date.

### Technology Issues

In the event that the WebEx meeting platform is unable to allow the Commission meeting to proceed, the Chair will recess the meeting and reconvene it for a telephonic meeting. Please call the phone number listed on the Commission's calendar posting and then enter the meeting's code when prompted.



# Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

## PUC Agenda Meeting

Thursday, August 26, 2021

9:15 AM

Online via Webex

### INTRODUCTION

### DECISION ITEMS

1. [Details 2021-185](#)

- \* **G6956/M-15-856;**                    **Community Co-ops of Lake Park;**
- G6960/M-16-214;**                    **United Natural Gas, LLC;**
- G6977/M-17-186;**                    **Lake Regional Energy Services;**
- G6977/M-17-829;**                    **Lake Regional Energy Services;**
- G6915/M-13-672;**                    **Dooley’s Natural Gas I, LLC;**
- G6915/M-16-756**                    **Dooley’s Natural Gas II, LLC**

In the Matter of a Petition of Community Co-ops of Lake Park for an Exemption for Small Gas Utility Franchise;

In the Matter of a Petition of United Natural Gas, LLC for Exemption for Small Gas Utility;

In the Matter of an Exemption for Small Gas Utility Franchise - Cities of Deer Creek & Parkers Prairie, MN;

In the Matter of a Petition of Lake Region Energy Services, Inc. for Exemption for Small Gas Utility - Cities of Dent & Miltona, MN;

In the Matter of an Exemption for Small Gas Utility Franchise - Cities of Clara City, Maynard, Raymond, Prinsburg & Blomkest, MN;

In the Matter of an Exemption for Small Gas Utility Franchise - Cities of Belgrade & Brooten, MN.

Should the Commission approve the annual compliance filings from Community Co-ops, UNG, LRES, Dooley’s I, and Dooley’s II? (PUC: **McShane**)

2. [Details 2019-168](#)

- \*\* **G6278,6279,6280/**                    **Gorham’s Inc.;**
- CI-18-770**                                **Northwest Natural Gas, LLC;**
- Northwest Natural Gas of Murray County, Inc.;**
- Northwest Natural Gas of Cass County LLC**

In the Matter of an Inquiry into Exemptions for Small Gas Utility Franchises Under Minn. Stat. §216B.16, Subd. 12, for Gorham’s Inc., Northwest Natural Gas, LLC, Northwest Natural Gas of Murray County, Inc., and Northwest Natural Gas of Cass County LLC.

Should the Commission reconsider its June 22, 2021 Order Accepting Filings and Establishing Additional Requirements? (PUC: **McShane, Bonnett**)

The Commission has the authority to accept or decline a petition for reconsideration **with or without** a hearing or oral argument (Minnesota Rules 7829.3000, Subpart 6) In other words, a decision on a petition for reconsideration can be made without taking oral comments at the Commission meeting.

**3. [Details 2021-186](#)**

**\*\* P405,407,5316/CI-21-150**                      **Frontier Communications of Minnesota, Inc.;**  
**Citizens Telecommunications Company of**  
**Minnesota, LLC;**  
**Frontier Communications of America, Inc.**

In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into Frontier Communications’ Virtual Separation Analysis.

How should the Commission proceed in its inquiry into Frontier Communication’s Virtual Separation analysis? (PUC: **Fournier**)

**4. [Details 2020-128](#)**

**\*\* IP7026/CN-20-269;**                      **Walleye Wind, LLC**  
**IP7026/WS-20-384**

In the Matter of the Application of Walleye Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need and Site Permit for a 109.2 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Rock County, Minnesota.

1. Should the Commission accept the environmental report and the record created in this matter as adequately addressing the issues identified in the environmental report scoping decision?
2. Should the Commission adopt the administrative law judge’s Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation?
3. Should the Commission grant a certificate of need for the 109.2 megawatt Walleye Wind large wind energy conversion system?
4. Should the Commission issue a site permit for the 109.2 megawatt Walleye Wind large wind energy conversion system? (PUC: **Kaluzniak**)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\* One star indicates agenda item is unusual but is not disputed.**

**\*\* Two stars indicate a disputed item or significant legal or procedural issue to be resolved. (Ex Parte Rules apply)**

**Please note: For the complete record, please see eDockets**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Robin Benson, hereby certify that I have this day, served a true and correct copy of the following document to all persons at the addresses indicated below or on the attached list by electronic filing, electronic mail, courier, interoffice mail or by depositing the same enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
NOTICE OF COMMISSION MEETING**

Docket Number: **N/A**

Dated this **13th** day of **August, 2021**

*/s/* Robin Benson

## Agenda List For 08/26/2021

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