



NOTICE OF COMMISSION AGENDA MEETING – HYBRID FORMAT

Issued: *March 27, 2026*

Items on the attached agenda will be heard at the Commission’s regularly scheduled meeting.

DATE: Thursday, April 9, 2026

TIME: 10:00am

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

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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

PUC Agenda Meeting

Thursday, April 9, 2026

10:00 AM

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. [Details 2018-229](#)

**** E015/AI-17-568 Minnesota Power**

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of the EnergyForward Resource Package.

Should the Commission rescind the approvals of Minnesota Power's NTEC-related affiliated interest agreements (AIAs)? (PUC: **Ricker**)

2. [Details 2025-271](#)

*** E017/M-25-338 Otter Tail Power Co.**

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Petition for Approval of the Distributed Solar Energy Standard Projects.

Should the Commission approve Otter Tail Power Company's investments in Distributed Solar Energy Standard (DSES) Projects? (PUC: **Li**)

3. [Details 2026-036](#)

**** E002/M-25-400 Northern States Power Co. d/b/a Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of its 2026 Renewable Energy Standard Rider Revenue Requirements.

Should the Commission approve Xcel Energy's Petition for approval of its 2026 Renewable Energy Standard Rider revenue requirements? (PUC: **Worlobah**)

4. [Details 2024-197](#)

- * IP7013/WS-19-619 **Apex Clean Energy Holdings, LLC d/b/a
Big Bend Wind, LLC**

In the Matter of the Application of Big Bend Wind, LLC for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the up to 300 MW Big Bend Wind Project in Cottonwood and Watonwan Counties, Minnesota.

Should the Commission reconsider the decision to approve the site permit amendment for the Big Bend Wind Project? (PUC: **Davis**)

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.

5. [Details 2026-043](#)

- * E015,ET2,E017/CN- **Minnesota Power;
25-109; Great River Energy;
Otter Tail Power Co.**

In the Matter of Application of Minnesota Power, Great River Energy, and Otter Tail Power Company for a Certificate of Need for the Maple River to Cuyuna 345kV Transmission Line Project.

1. Should the Commission accept the certificate of need application as substantially complete?
2. Should the Commission authorize review of the certificate of need application using the informal process or refer the matter to the Court of Administrative Hearings for contested case proceedings?
3. Should the Commission consider any additional procedural items? (PUC: **Harvieux**)

6. [Details 2025-267](#)

**** ET3,E002/CN-25-121 Dairyland Power Cooperative;
Northern States Power Co. d/b/a Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of the Application of Dairyland Power Cooperative and Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for a Certificate of Need for the Gopher to Badger Link 765 kV High Voltage Transmission Line Project.

1. Should the Commission accept the certificate of need application as substantially complete?
2. Should the Commission authorize review of the certificate of need application using the informal process or refer the matter to the Court of Administrative Hearings for contested case proceedings?
3. Should the Commission consider any additional procedural items? (PUC: **Lobby**)

The following item will not be heard before 12:30 PM

7. [Details 2026-046](#)

**** E002/M-25-142 Northern States Power Co. d/b/a Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2025 Integrated Distribution Plan.

Should the Commission approve, modify, or reject Xcel Energy's 2025 Transportation Electrification Plan? (PUC: **Noyce**)

ADJOURNMENT

*** One star indicates that an agenda item is not disputed.**

**** Two stars indicate that an agenda item is disputed and there may be legal, procedural, or policy issues to be resolved.**

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