MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

of the Public Utilities Commission, City of Hibbing, St. Louis County, Minnesota

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission, Hibbing, Minnesota, 1902 E. 6th Ave., Hibbing, MN 55746, was held on August 4, 2026. Meeting held at Hibbing City Hall, 401 E. 21st St., Hibbing MN. Commissioner Chair Bayliss called the meeting to order at 4:01p.m. In attendance were Commissioner Bayliss, Commissioner Sandstede, Commissioner Hart, Commissioner Stokes, Legal Counsel, Andy Borland; Senior Director of Human Resources & Organizational Development, Kendra Powers; Engineering Manager, Paul Skubinna, Customer Service Supervisor, Jill Hietala, Electrical Manager, Samantha Adams, and Executive Assistant, Magan Schoeben. Also in attendance were HPU Employee & Local 94 Union President, George Pogachnik, Lisa Crum of Crum Energy, and Community Member, Tim Powers. Absent was Commissioner Babich.

ADDS/DELETES

Commissioner Sandstede requested an additional discussion item, Discussion Item 8, to be Project Management Tool.

ACTION ITEMS

Action Item 1. Authorization to Purchase Seal Water Cooler Replacement from GPM

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Hart to authorize the purchase of the Seal Water Cooler Replacement from GPM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 2. Authorization to Purchase Beltline Substation Low Voltage Material from Amptek

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Hart to authorize the purchase of the Beltline Substation Low Voltage Material from Amptek.

Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 3. Authorization to Purchase Beltline Substation Material from Wesco

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Hart to authorize the purchase of the Beltline Substation material from Wesco.

Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 4. Authorization to Purchase Beltline Substation Material from Border States Electrical

Motion by Commissioner Hart, supported by Commissioner Stokes to Authorize the purchase of the Beltline Substation material from Border States Electrical.

Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 5. Authorization to Purchase Beltline Substation Transformer Steps and Platform from Koschak Enterprises, Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Hart, supported by Commissioner Stokes to authorize the purchase of the Beltline Substation transformer steps and platform from Koschak Enterprises, Inc.

Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 6. Authorization to Purchase 13.8kV 50kVA 120/240 Transformers from T&R Electric $11,630.00

Motion by Commissioner Hart, supported by Commissioner Stokes to authorize the purchase of 13.8kV 50kVA 120/240 transformers for T&R Electric for $11, 630.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 7. Authorization to Purchase 3 Phase Junction Boxes and Sleeves from Wesco $20,579.00

Motion by Commissioner Hart, supported by Commissioner Stokes to authorize the purchase of 3 phase junction boxes and sleeves from Wesco in the amount of $20,579.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 8. Request for Approval of Job Description for Engineering Intern

Item was tabled.

Action Item 9. Request for Approval to Post Engineering Intern Position

Item was tabled as it is related to Action Item 8.

Action Item 10. Request for Approval of 4M Account Transfer

Motion by Commissioner Hart, supported by Commissioner Bayliss to authorize the request for approval of the 4M account transfer.

Approved – Commissioner Hart, Commissioner Bayliss, Commissioner Sandstede
Opposed - Commissioner Stokes

Motion carried 3-1

Action Item 11. Ratification of Appointees to Finance Committee

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Sandstede to ratify the appointees of the Hibbing Public Utilities Finance Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Southern Interconnect Project Status Update

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to MN ST Sect. 13D.03 subdivision 3c the Commission will be going into closed session for consideration of the purchase of real property located at parcel code 141-0040-00060. Closed Session was held from 6:04pm until 7:08pm. Commissioner Sandstede left the Closed Session at 6:45pm.

2. Transition Committee Update
3. Power Plant Update
4. Biomass Fuel Savings
5. Request for Contribution Policy/Procedure
6. GPS Policy
7. Resolution 26-11, Separate Account or Fund for Each Utility
8. Project Management Tool

The Commission engaged in discussion regarding Discussion Items 2-7. Due to time constraints Discussion Item 8 was not discussed and will be brought forward into a special session.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Hart, supported by Commissioner Stokes to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

James Bayliss, Chair

Jeff Hart, Commission Secretary

Meeting materials are available at www.hpuc.com.
The next meeting is a special session scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at the Hibbing Public Utilities, 1902 E 6th Ave, Hibbing MN 55746.

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