

NOTICE OF REPLY COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: May 12, 2016

In the Matter of a Request for Dispute Resolution by Keith Weber, the Qualifying Facility, with Meeker Cooperative Light and Power Association under the Cogeneration and Small Power Production Statute, Minn. Stat. §216B.164

PUC Docket Number/s: E-121/CG-16-240

Reply Comment Period: Complainant and other Parties' reply to Meeker's Comments is due by June 13, 2016 at 4:30pm

*Comments must be received by 4:30pm on the close date
Comments received after comment period closes may not be considered*

Information to be included in the Reply Comments from the Complainant:

Reply to the factual issues addressed in Meeker's May 9, 2016 Comments

Topics for Reply Comments from all Interested Parties:

1. Procedural comments by Meeker
2. Whether the additional charge Meeker imposed on the Complainant to recover the fixed costs, not already paid for by the customer through the customer's existing billing arrangement, is reasonable and appropriate based on the cost of service study sent to the Complainant by Meeker and filed to the Docket by the Complainant on March 28, 2016.
3. Any other relevant information and comments to the Complaint and Meeker's response.

Project Background: On March 22, 2016, the Minnesota Solar Energy Industries Project (MnSEIP) filed a Dispute for Resolution (Verified Complaint) with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission), on behalf of Keith Weber, the owner of a 5.2kW solar array in Meeker's service territory. On March 30, 2016 the Commission issued on Notice of Comment Period requesting Meeker respond to the substance of the Complaint. On May 9, 2016, Meeker submitted Comments in response to the Commission's March 30, 2016 Notice.

Minn. Stat. §216B.164, subd. 5, and Minnesota Rules, Part 7835.4500, provide that in the case of a dispute between a utility and a qualifying facility, either party may request the Commission to determine the issue; the burden of proof is on the utility.

Minn. Stat. §216B.164, subd. 3 states that a “cooperative electric association or municipal utility may charge an additional fee to recover the fixed costs not already paid for by the customer through the customer’s existing billing arrangement. Any additional charge by the utility must be reasonable and appropriate for that class of customer based on the most recent cost of service study. The cost of service study must be made available for review by a customer of the utility upon request.”

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- *If you wish to include an exhibit, map or other attachment, please send your comments via U.S. Mail.*

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