

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: October 11, 2016

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Power for Approval of a Community Solar Garden Program, Eligibility of the Energy for Small Scale Solar Energy Standard Compliance and a Recovery Method for Program Cost Recovery

PUC Docket Number/s: E-015/M-15-825

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes November 14, 2016 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes November 28, 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

Topic/s Open for Comment:

- Any issues concerning Minnesota Power's Compliance items in this docket filed on October 3, 2016.

Project Background: On September 10, 2015, Minnesota Power (MP) filed a request for approval of a Community Solar Garden (CSG) Pilot Program. The Commission issued its Order Approving Pilot Program With Modifications on July 27, 2016. In its Order, the Commission required MP to draft an RFP for three non-utility community solar gardens, each up to 1 MW, and file the draft RFP with the Commission by October 1, 2016. In addition, the Commission, in its Order, required MP to discount subscription prices by current market pricing for S-RECs, as determined by a competitive bidding process for S-RECs in northern Minnesota and to discuss with interested stakeholders whether and how pricing information on public-facing programs can be made public in the future. On October 3, 2016, MP filed two sets of compliance items addressing these requirements.

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