

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: April 18, 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: Comment period closes May 12, 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 the final contracts for solar generation;
- Any issues concerning final program pricing, including pricing for SRECs;
- Any issues with the customer contract; and
- Comments on the summary of program changes made by MP since its initial petition.

Project Background: On September 10, 2015, Minnesota Power (MP) filed a request for approval of a Community Solar Garden (CSG) Pilot Program. The Company also requested Commission approval of customer purchased subscriptions to the CSG Pilot Program to be eligible for compliance with Minnesota's Solar Energy Standard (SES) Small Scale Solar Carve-Out, as well as approval of current cost recovery for investment and activities related to compliance with the Small Scale Solar Carve-Out. Comments were filed November 5th, 2015 and Reply Comments were filed on December 3, 2015 by several parties. On April 14, 2016, MP filed an update to the record to include the finalized 1 MW Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), final CSG Pilot Program pricing, the CSG Pilot Program customer contract, and a summary of program changes made by the Company since its initial petition was filed last September.

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