

## **CORRECTED NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD**

Issued: *May 11, 2018*

### **In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Temporary Rider for Residential Time-of-Day Rate for Participants of the Smart Grid Advanced Metering Infrastructure Pilot Project**

**PUC Docket Number: E015/M-12-233**

**Comment Period:** MP stakeholder engagement update by June 1, 2018 at 4:30pm  
Initial comment period closes June 8, 2018 at 4:30pm  
Reply comment period closes June 18, 2018 at 4:30pm

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#### **Topics Open for Comment:**

- Should the Commission accept Minnesota Power's (MP) compliance filing as complete?
- Should the Commission approve MP Option B: removal of the critical peak pricing (CPP) component and an adjustment to the on-peak adder, as described in its May 1, 2018 filing?
- If not, should the Commission approve MP Options A or C, as described in its May 1, 2018 filing?
- Should the Commission discontinue formal evaluation of the current TOD Rate and its participants, including annual review and compliance of the TOD Rate?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

#### **Supplemental Information Requested of Minnesota Power (due June 1):**

- The Commission's February 13, 2018 Order in the current docket requires MP to engage stakeholders in developing alternative rate designs, which the Company will then present in its September 1, 2018 report. In light of the pending request to adjust the rate, provide an update on MP's stakeholder engagement planned or ongoing for the September 1 filing.

#### **Background:**

In February 2017, the Commission approved modifications to the TOD rate that reduced the number of critical peak pricing hours from 100 to 25 and increased the on-peak adder from approximately 1.41 cents/kilowatt hour (kWh) to 4.87 cents/kWh. The Commission's order approving these modifications also required MP to file compliance reports at 6 and 12 months from the date the new TOD rate became effective.

On November 1, 2017, MP submitted the 6-month compliance report. The report contained information on various aspects of the TOD rate and requested additional time to submit the 12-month compliance report.

On February 13, 2018, the Commission issued its *Order Accepting Compliance Report and Requiring Additional Reports*. The Commission maintained the 12-month, May 1, 2018 filing date for MP to discuss feedback from customers and lessons learned from the TOD Rate Pilot. However, the Commission granted MP until September 1, 2018 to file a report on alternative designs of time-of-use rates. Further, the Commission's order required MP to "engage stakeholders in developing alternative rate designs and TOD periods that can better serve Minnesota Power's customers and system as a whole."

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