

## NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: August 15, 2018

### In the Matter of Updating Generic Standards for Utility Tariffs for Interconnection and Operation of Distributed Generation Facilities Established Under Minn. Stat. §216B.1611

**PUC Docket Number(s):**     **E999/CI-16-521**  
  **E999/CI-01-1023**

**Comment Period:**     Initial comment period closes September 19, 2018 at 4:30pm  
                                  Reply comment period closes October 3, 2018 at 4:30pm

*Comments should be filed in Docket No. E999/CI-16-521.  
The Commission may determine that it will not consider comments received after the close of the comment period.*

**Issue:** Should the Commission review and revise or replace Attachment 6: Rates ([September 28, 2004 Order](#) in Docket No. E999/CI-01-1023) which creates guidelines for establishing the terms of the financial relationship between an electric utility and a distributed generation customer with no more than 10 MW of capacity?

#### **Topic(s) Open for Comment:**

- 1) Is Commission review and revision or replacement of Attachment 6 necessary and timely now? Why or why not?
- 2) If the Commission reviews Attachment 6:
  - a) What should be considered in scope or out of scope?
  - b) What process should the Commission use?
  - c) What should be the timeline for the possible revision or replacement?
- 3) Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

**Background:**     On March 27, 2018, Minnesota Solar Energy Industry Association (MNSEIA) et al. filed a request to consider updating Attachment 6 in this docket.<sup>1</sup> On June

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<sup>1</sup> MNSEIA, MNSEIP, ELPC, ILSR, MCEA, CEEM & MN Brownfields, Motion to Reopen and Amend the Distributed Generation Tariffs, Docket No. E999/CI-01-1023 and cross-filed in E999/CI-16-521, March 27, 2018, available in e-dockets:  
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1, 2018, the Distributed Generation Workgroup informally discussed the MNSEIA et al. request related to the topics open for comment with this notice.

The Commission's [January 24, 2017 Order](#) in this docket established the Distributed Generation Workgroup and process to update and improve the statewide interconnection standards in Docket No. E999/CI-16-521. The Order described updating Attachments 1 -5 of the September 28, 2004 Order in E999/CI-01-1023 in two phases: Phase I (Attachments 1, 3-5 covering statewide process, application forms, and agreements) and Phase II (Attachment 2 covering statewide technical requirements.) The Order did not address Attachment 6; thus, rates were considered out of scope in Phase I and II.

Until revised or replaced, Attachment 6 of the September 28, 2004 Order is still considered in effect.

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