



STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

March 4, 2011

To: Service List

From: Burl Haar
Executive Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Wolf, for".

Re: In the Matter of Commission Consideration of Standards Related to Smart Grid Investments and Information Under the Federal Independence and Security Act of 2007
Docket No. E999/CI-08-948

NOTICE CLARIFYING INFORMATION SOUGHT IN SMART GRID REPORTS

The Commission seeks to clarify the type of information sought in the informational smart grid reports due on April 1 of each year. In addition, the Commission requests that non-rate-regulated utilities (cooperative and municipal utilities) voluntarily file brief, informational smart grid summaries to assist the Commission in learning of smart grid projects that are being undertaken in Minnesota. The Commission would appreciate receiving reports on the following topics:

- "Smart" functions enabled with existing infrastructure and systems (please also include what percentage of the utility's meters are currently mechanical, AMR, or AMI, and a sentence on the capability of each)
- Planned or completed system improvements which could affect customer service, power quality, or service quality metrics
- Current customer access to data (such as usage or outage data) and how that data educates customers; any planned additional customer access to data
- Time-varying rates and demand response
- Discuss the general costs of completed or planned projects (include the costs of changes to billing systems and, if applicable, the early retirement of meters or other equipment) compared to the benefits realized or expected to be realized

Informational smart grid reports are due **April 1, 2011**. Rate regulated utilities should file them in both the service quality docket and in Docket No. 08-948. **Non-rate regulated utilities may e-file them in Docket No. 08-948 or e-mail them to michelle.rebholz@state.mn.us.** The Commission may take up smart grid as an informational item or a decision item depending upon the filings received by parties. Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Michelle Rebholz at 651-201-2206.

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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

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Dated this **4th** day of **March, 2011**

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