

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: February 3, 2021

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's 2021-2035 Integrated Resource Plan

PUC Docket Number: E015/RP-21-33

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes June 1, 2021 at 4:30pm

Reply comment period closes August 2, 2021 at 4:30pm

Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.

Topics Open for Comment:

1. Should the Commission approve, modify, or reject Minnesota Power's 2021 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)?
2. When should Minnesota Power file its next IRP? What additional information should the Commission require Minnesota Power to provide as part of its next IRP?
3. Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Background: On February 1, 2021, Minnesota Power filed its 2021 IRP, covering the 2021-2035 planning period. As part of the Company's **EnergyForward** strategy, the IRP intends to achieve a 70 percent renewable power supply by 2030, be coal-free by 2035, reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent by 2035, and ensure reliable and affordable power for its customers. Specifically, the IRP proposes to:

- Add 200 MW of wind power by 2025 and 200 MW of solar power by 2030;
- Transition to economic dispatch at the coal-fired Boswell Energy Center Unit 3 in 2021;
- Retire Boswell Energy Center Unit 3 by 2030;
- Cease coal operations at Boswell Energy Center Unit 4 by 2035; and
- Incorporate customer-driven activities such as energy conservation, distributed generation, demand response, and electrification.

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Dated this 3rd day of February, 2021

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