

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: *January 23, 2018*

In the Matter of Establishing an Estimate of the Likely Range of Costs of Future Carbon Dioxide Regulation on Electric Generation under Minn. Stat §216H.06

PUC Docket Numbers: **E999/CI-07-1199**
 E999/CI-17-53

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes February 19, 2018 at 4:30pm
 Reply comment period closes March 5, 2018 at 4:30pm

Comments received after comment period closes may not be considered

Topics Open for Comment:

- Should the Commission adopt the Agencies' recommendations?
- If not, what CO₂ values should the Commission set for the range of costs of future carbon dioxide regulation on electricity generation?
- In setting the likely range of costs of future CO₂ regulation, should the Commission consider a state- or regional-level cost of compliance as opposed to a national-level cost of compliance (such as the national CO₂ price developed by Synapse Energy Economics, Inc. in its March 2016 forecast)?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Request for Information from Utilities Filing Initial Comments (on 9/22/17):

- In the initial comment period, utilities referenced third party forecasting services as a basis to set CO₂ Values in this case. Did any utility retain a third party vendor to produce a utility-specific and/or national compliance cost for the EPA Clean Power Plan? Is any utility aware of compliance cost estimates that could inform a state- or regional- regulatory scope?
- Using an average of 2010-2012 operations as a baseline, and using the most recently approved integrated resource plan (IRP) for forward-looking projections, please provide the utility's total emissions reductions and carbon-intensity on the utility's system. Please provide projections through the last year of the utility's most recently approved IRP.

Background:

Minnesota Statute [§216H.06](#) requires the Commission to establish and regularly update an estimate of the likely range of costs of future carbon dioxide regulation on electricity generation. The estimates “must be made following informal proceedings conducted by the commissioners of commerce and pollution control that allow interested parties to submit comments.”

After requesting comments (in Docket No. 17-53 and 07-1199), the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Minnesota Department of Commerce Division of Energy Resources (the “Agencies”) filed their Analysis and Recommendations with the Commission on January 19, 2018. The Agencies recommend that the Commission establish the range of likely costs of CO₂ regulation at \$5 to \$25 per ton of CO₂ emitted, to be used in electric resource acquisition proceedings for planning year 2025 and beyond. In addition, the Agencies recommend no change to the way the value ranges established under Minn. Stat. §§ 216B.2422 and 216H.06 are applied.

Filing Requirements: Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies are **required** to file documents using the Commission’s electronic filing system (eFiling). All parties, participants and interested persons are encouraged to use eFiling: mn.gov/puc, select *eFiling*, and follow the prompts.

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