



NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: October 2, 2017

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

PUC Docket Number: E-999/CI-16-521

Comment Period: Supplemental comments close November 2, 2017 at 4:30pm
Supplemental reply comments close November 15, 2017 at 4:30pm

Comments must be received by 4:30pm on the close date

Comments received after comment period closes may not be considered

Topic/s Open for Initial Comment:

- 1) Remaining topics that may need to be further developed as outlined in the DGWG meeting summaries and/or packets¹;
- 2) Supplemental language recommendations based on either the FERC SGIP/SGIA or the Joint Movants' proposed language² not already entered into the record via written comments or the DGWG process; and/or
- 3) Additional information to more fully develop the record on the standards related to the interconnection process and interconnection agreement; including any content from the [informational webinars](#) which, otherwise, are not entered into the record.

The Commission will begin the Phase II update of the technical requirements in December 2017. Attachment 6 on Rates is not within the scope of the update occurring in this docket.

Project Background: The Commission established a Distributed Generation Workgroup (DGWG) in its March 8, 2017 Notice in the present docket and received initial comments by March 16, 2017 to develop the record more fully. The DGWG's four in-person meetings are summarized through meeting summaries and packets that were posted in e-dockets on September 29, 2017. The fifth and final Phase I DGWG In-Person meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 3, 2017. The November 3rd prep materials and DGWG discussion are considered in scope for this comment period.

¹ Submitted in e-dockets on September 29, 2017.

² Joint Movants filed their proposed Minnesota Interconnection Process and Agreement as a red-line to the FERC SGIP and SGIA on February 1, 2017. An editable Microsoft Word version is available upon request to Commission staff.

The Commission issued its Order Establishing Workgroup and Process to Update and Improve State Interconnection Standards on January 24, 2017. The Commission's Order determined the Joint Movants' proposal³ would serve as the general starting point for comments for a transition of Minnesota's Distributed Generation Interconnection Process and Requirements standards⁴ to one based on the [FERC Order No. 792 Small Generator Interconnection Agreement and Procedures \(SGIP/SGIA\)](#).

The update will include two phases: 1) transition Minnesota's distributed generation interconnection process to one based upon the FERC Small Generation Interconnection Procedures (SGIP) and Agreement (SGIA); and 2) update Minnesota's distributed generation interconnection technical requirements. In all, it is anticipated this update will replace first Attachments 1 (Interconnection Process), 3 (Application), 4 (Engineering Data Submittal), and 5 (Interconnection Agreement); followed by Attachment 2 (Technical Requirements) of Minnesota's Interconnection Process and Requirements standards established by Commission order in Docket No. 01-1023. This docket will not address Attachment 6 (Rates) at this time.

Development of recommendations for the update will be guided by statutory requirements and Commission Order, informed by national learnings, anchored with technical facts, and firmly grounded in the expertise, experience, and perspectives of Minnesota's utilities, businesses, advocates, and other interested parties.

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³ Environmental Law and Policy Center, Fresh Energy, Interstate Renewable Energy Council
May 12, 2016 filing in Docket No. 01-1023 ([cross-filed in Docket No. 16-521 on June 16, 2016](#)).

⁴ established by Commission Order in 2004 (Docket No. 01-1023)

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