

## NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

*Issued: April 1, 2016*

### **In the Matter of Establishing an Estimate of the Costs of future Carbon Dioxide Regulation on Electric Generation Under Minn. Stat §216H.06.**

**PUC Docket Number:** E-999/CI-07-1199

**Comment Period:** Initial comment period closes April 21, 2016 at 4:30 pm  
Reply comment period closes May 2, 2016 at 4:30 pm

#### **Topics Open for Comment:**

- What CO<sub>2</sub> values should the Commission adopt for 2016?
- Should the Commission, at this time, adopt CO<sub>2</sub> values for 2017?
- Are the comments of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Minnesota Department of Commerce consistent with prior Commission Orders in this Docket?
- Should the Commission open a docket to reexamine the relationship between the external cost of CO<sub>2</sub> and the anticipated regulatory cost of CO<sub>2</sub>, as recommended on page 4 of the Clean Energy Organizations' [comments in Docket 15-708](#)?
- Any other docket-related issues or concerns.

#### **Project 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 soliciting party comments (in [Docket 15-708](#)), the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Minnesota Department of Commerce Division of Energy Resource (the “Agencies”) filed their [Analysis and Recommendations](#) with the Commission on March 29, 2016. The Agencies recommend that the Commission maintain the current estimated range of likely costs of CO<sub>2</sub> regulation—\$9 to \$34 per ton of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted—but extend the applicable date from 2019 to at least 2022.

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