NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL SMART GRID WORKSHOP

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The Commission will hold a smart grid workshop focused on Time of Use (TOU) rates. The workshop agenda is attached.

DATE: April 5, 2013

TIME: 9:30 a.m. - noon

LOCATION: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
Large Hearing Room
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Project Background: In the Commission's June 5, 2009 Order, the Commission delegated authority to the Executive Secretary to host appropriate periodic public meetings to discuss relevant and timely smart grid issues.

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9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.  Introductions

   Chair Beverly Jones Heydinger (tentative)

   Recap of the previous smart grid workshop and introductions

9:45 a.m. – 11:45a.m. Time of Use Presentations

Existing Time of Use Rates in Minnesota, Rate Regulated Utilities

Commission Staff

A summary of the existing Time of Use Rates for Minnesota’s rate-regulated utilities.

Designing and Introducing a Time of Use Rate to Members

Bruce Sayler, Connexus Energy

Connexus Energy has studied time of use rates and recently introduced a time of use rate to its members. Connexus will share its experiences to date and observations for the future.

Time of Use Rates: Implementation and Operational Issues

James Douglas and Paul Frost, Util-Assist

Util-Assist will share its experience in assisting utilities with the implementation of TOU rates, highlighting infrastructure, operational and educational challenges related to the implementation of these rate structures.

1. What effects did TOU have on the utility?
2. What tools were provided to customers?
3. What are the lessons learned from implementing TOU rates?
4. What were the biggest questions from customers?

11:45 a.m. – noon  Closing

   Q&A, public input, takeaways, and next steps.