STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL SMART GRID WORKSHOP

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The Commission will hold a smart grid workshop focused on Renewables on the Distribution System. The workshop agenda is attached. The Commission intends to post the presentations on its website instead of making hard copies available at the meeting.

DATE: April 11, 2014
TIME: 10:00 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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10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Introductions

Commissioner Nancy Lange

Recap of the previous smart grid workshop and introductions

9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. “Renewables on the Distribution Grid” Presentations

1. What’s out there?

Summary of installed qualifying facilities

Presenter: Lise Trudeau, Department of Commerce

2. Review the Integration / Connection Process

History of regulatory process to implement present framework
Summarize interconnection process steps
Why this works for the utility (system protection and safety)
Required utility activities
Real-life situations utilities encounter
Real-life situations solar installers encounter

Presenters: Dakota Electric Association, Steele-Waseca Cooperative, TruNorth Solar

3. Issues / Concerns

Impact on utility load forecasting and distribution plant construction
Minimum feeder loading and MISO
Rates and cost recovery
How utilities handle a significant increase in installations
Advanced Inverters

Presenters: Dakota Electric Association, Steele-Waseca Cooperative, Lise Trudeau, TruNorth Solar

All individuals and organizations attending this workshop are welcome to ask questions of the presenters and offer their own input.

11:45 a.m. – noon Closing

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