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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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Re: In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into Privacy Policies of Rate-Regulated Energy Utilities, MPUC Docket No. E, G999/CI-12-1344

Customer Energy Usage Data Consent Form Compliance Filing

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On June 9, 2017, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order Approving Customer Energy Use Data Consent Form in the above-referenced docket. Order Point 1 approved the modified Colorado consent form as a model for use in Minnesota and required that all regulated utilities make the form available online and in hard copy to retail customers. Order Point 2 provides that utilities may develop and use alternative consent forms, but any such alternative forms must be consistent with the approved model form and submitted to the Commission for approval as a compliance filing in this docket. Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (“MERC”) submits this Compliance Filing of a MERC-specific customer energy usage data (“CEUD”) consent form for approval. MERC’s proposed utility-specific consent form is attached as Attachment 1 to this filing.

MERC’s proposed form is consistent with the model CEUD consent form approved by the Commission. In particular, the content and presentation of customer disclosures is identical to the approved Commission form. MERC-specific revisions to page one of the model form include the following:

- MERC removed reference to the form being available in other languages consistent with Order Point 5 of the Commission’s order, which provides that utilities shall make their consent forms available in English and, on a utility-specific basis, in any other language the utility or Commission determines appropriate for that utility based on demographics and English language proficiency in the utility’s service area. MERC’s customers are predominantly English-speaking so in light of the associated costs, MERC will continue to evaluate whether the forms should be made available in other languages but at this time it is not required for the demographics served in MERC’s area.

- MERC specified the utility name and contact information to properly direct requests for processing. We also provided reference to MERC's privacy policy available on our website.
- MERC modified the information regarding the data being requested to (1) remove references to electric and steam information because MERC is a natural gas utility and all customer requests for CEUD will be for natural gas-related information; and (2) remove reference to renewable energy and load management, because MERC is a natural gas utility and does not track renewable energy or load management information.
- MERC modified the data collection period to require customers to identify the period for which they are requesting data. MERC cannot provide an option for continuing release until terminated by the customer because we do not have an established process to release CEUD on an ongoing basis.

In addition to the attached MERC-specific CEUD consent form, MERC notes that other low-income energy assistance programs rely on consent provisions embedded into other forms. For example, the Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program ("LIHEAP") consent provisions are contained in the federal application submitted to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Assistance Office.

MERC believes its form with the above-discussed modifications is substantially consistent with the model approved by the Commission. MERC respectfully requests that the Commission approve MERC's utility-specific form for use beginning in September 2017, after the 90-day grace period for use of existing forms expires.

Please contact me at (651) 322-8965 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Amber S. Lee

Amber S. Lee
Regulatory and Legislative Affairs Manager
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cc: Service List



CONSENT TO DISCLOSE UTILITY CUSTOMER DATA
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All requested information must be provided for the consent to be valid.

Minnesota Energy Resources

Attn: Customer data team

P.O. Box 19003

Green Bay, WI 54307-9003

Phone: 800-889-9508

email: customerdata@minnesotaenergyresources.com

For additional information, including the utility's privacy policy, visit
http://www.minnesotaenergyresources.com/privacy_customer.aspx

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DATA RECIPIENT

By signing this form, you allow your utility to give the following information to:

Organization/trade name: _____

Contact name (if available): _____

Physical and mailing address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Fax: _____

This organization will receive the following customer data:

- Information from your meter collected by your utility services provider
- Information regarding your participation in demand-side management, energy efficiency or other utility programs
- Other (specify) _____

This information will be used to:

- Provide you with products or services you requested
- Offer you products or services that may be of interest to you
- Determine your eligibility for an energy program
- Analyze your energy usage
- Other (specify): _____

DATA COLLECTION PERIOD

The relevant timeframe associated with the requested data is from ___/___/___ to ___/___/___

CUSTOMER DISCLOSURES

*** Customer data can provide insight into activities within the premises receiving utility service. Your utility may not disclose your customer data except (1) if you authorize the disclosure, (2) to contracted agents that perform services on behalf of the utility, or (3) as otherwise permitted or required by laws or regulations.***

*** You are not required to authorize the disclosure of your customer data. Not authorizing disclosure will not affect your utility services.***

*** You may access your standard customer data from your utility without any additional charge.***

*** Your utility will have no control over the data disclosed pursuant to this consent, and will not be responsible for monitoring or taking any steps to ensure that the data recipient maintains the confidentiality of the data or uses the data as authorized by you. Please be advised that you may not be able to control the use or misuse of your data once it has been released.***

*** In addition to the [Customer Data] described above, the data recipient may also receive the following from your utility: your name; account number; service number; meter number; utility type; service address; premise number; premise description; meter read date(s); number of days in the billing period; utility invoice date; base rate bill amount; other charges including base rate and non-base rate adjustments; taxes; and invoice total amount. Your utility will not provide any other information, including Personally Identifiable Information such as your Social Security Number or any financial account number to the data recipient through this consent form.***

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CUSTOMER

PLEASE READ THE ABOVE CUSTOMER DISCLOSURES BEFORE SIGNING THIS FORM

By signing this form you acknowledge and agree that you are the customer of record for this account and that you authorize your utility service provider to disclose your customer data as specified in this form.

CUSTOMER ACCOUNT NUMBER

SERVICE ADDRESS

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE OF CUSTOMER OF RECORD

DATE SIGNED

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Utilities

Docket No. G011/CI-12-1344

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kristin M. Stastny, hereby certify that on the 21st day of July, 2017, on behalf of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC), I electronically filed a true and correct copy of the enclosed Compliance Filing on www.edockets.state.mn.us. Said documents were also served via U.S. mail and electronic service as designated on the attached service list.

Dated this 21st day of July, 2017.

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Kristin M. Stastny

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