



May 26, 2016

Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: In the matter of Renewable Energy Certificate Retirement Report for Compliance Year
2015 - Docket No. E-999/PR-16-12

In the matter of the Green Pricing Verification Filing Process
Docket No. E-999/PR-02-1240

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Enclosed for filing is the 2015 Annual Report of REO/RES (Attachment A) by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, as well as an Affidavit of Service. A copy of this report has also been filed electronically with the Public Utilities Commission Docket System under Docket No. E-999/PR-16-12, as well as served on all persons on the attached service lists by electronic service or by first class mail. A certificate of service is also enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at cjacobson@bepc.com or (701) 557-5413.

Sincerely,

Casey J. Jacobson
Sr. Staff Counsel

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Renewable Energy Certificate Retirement Report for
RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARDS and GREEN PRICING PROGRAMS

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
DOCKET NO. E999/PR-16-12
DOCKET NO. E999/PR-16-83

Attachment A.1

Minnesota Department of Commerce
DOCKET NO. E999/PR-02-1240

**Renewable Energy Certificate Retirement Report for
Renewable Energy Standards and Green Pricing
Programs for the Reporting Period: January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015**

REPORT YEAR	2015
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DATE SUBMITTED	May 25, 2016
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FILING UTILITY INFORMATION	
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COMMENTS/NOTES

FILING FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARDS ON BEHALF OF:			
UTILITY NAME	UTILITY NAME	UTILITY NAME	UTILITY NAME
Crow Wing Coop Power & Light, Inc.			
Minnesota Valley Coop Light & Power Assoc			
Minnesota Valley Electric Coop			
Wright-Hennepin Coop Electric Assn			

FILING FOR GREEN PRICING PROGRAMS ON BEHALF OF:			
UTILITY NAME	UTILITY NAME	UTILITY NAME	UTILITY NAME

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*UTILITY ID #	UTILITY	RETAIL SALES AMOUNT (MWh)	NOTES

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Attachment A.5

Biennial Compliance reporting

Please report the following items in compliance with the PUC May 28, 2013 Order in Docket No. E999/M-12-958

Ordering Point

4.A. & 5.H. **the year through which the utility can maintain compliance with its current renewable portfolio*** 2025 +
*Include banked Renewable Energy Credits (RECs)

4.B. & 5.I. **Projected compliance for the current plus three (3) upcoming years.** *include banked RECs.

Year	actual/projected MN retail sales (MWh)	RES Req. (%)	RES Req. (MWh)	Projected Resources (MWh)	Projected Surplus/ (Deficit) (MWh)
2015	648,716	12%	77,846	2,891,203	2,813,357
2016	729,975	17%	124,096	3,481,790	3,357,694
2017	844,653	17%	143,591	5,232,087	5,088,496
2018	903,849	17%	153,654	5,490,252	5,336,598

5.E.2 & 5.F. **Identify other State Renewable Standards or Objectives to which the utility is subject, and the percentage of renewable energy allocated to meet the renewable requirements.**

State	RES Req. (MWh)	RES Req. (%)	Percent of utility's total system renewable generation apportioned to this state (%)*

*apportionment of renewable energy should reflect each state's percentage of the utility's total system sales.

Basin Electric is not subject to any other state RES, but does provide RECs to members of Basin Electric for them to meet state RES requirements.

5.E.3 (i) **The status of the utility's renewable energy mix relative to the objective & standards.**

Basin Electric is in full compliance with the Minnesota RES statute, Minnesota Statute 216B.1691. Basin Electric is a wholesale provider to member cooperatives in nine states. Basin Electric's overall mix of total renewable resources in comparison to the total of all resources is presently in excess of the twelve percent (12%) requirement in Minnesota. Basin Electric's renewable resources for the reporting year 2015 comprise of 13% of Basin Electric's total system resource mix based on energy.

5.E.3(ii) **Efforts taken to meet the objective and standards**

As identified in the various compliance reports Basin Electric files with the Commission and DER, Basin Electric has acquired wind energy resources as an integral part of its power supply program. Those existing renewable resources have been acquired through ownership and contractual arrangements and are projected to be adequate to satisfy the specific goals and requirements of the Minnesota RES.

5.E.3(iii) **Obstacles encountered or anticipated in meeting the objective or standards**

Currently Basin Electric does not envision any obstacles meeting the Minnesota RES.

5.E.3(iv) **Potential solutions to the obstacles**

Not applicable at this time as Basin Electric does not envision any obstacles to meeting the Minnesota RES.

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5.G. List any renewable generation facilities expected to become operational during the upcoming year

Facility Name	type	Capacity (MW)	Cap. Factor (%)	Expected Comm'l Operation Date
Sunflower Wind	Wind	104	51%	Dec 2016

5.K. Identify efforts taken to adequately protect against undesirable economic impacts on ratepayers, including, but not limited to keeping customer's bills and the utility's rates as low as practicable, given regulatory and other constraints.

Basin Electric's membership in 2005 passed a resolution setting a goal to obtain renewable resources equal to 10% of its members demand by 2010. Basin Electric exceeded that goal through direct investments and purchase power agreements. Basin Electric currently holds 850 MW of renewables in its portfolio and continues to pursue economically feasible renewable resources.

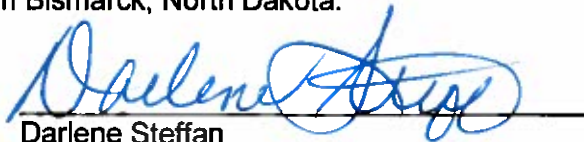
AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

IN THE MATTER OF A RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE RETIREMENT REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE YEAR 2015	DOCKET NO. E-999/PR16-12 2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF REO-RES BY BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE
IN THE MATTER OF THE GREEN PRICING VERIFICATION FILING PROCESS	DOCKET NO. E-999/PR-02-1240


STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA))
) ss.
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH)

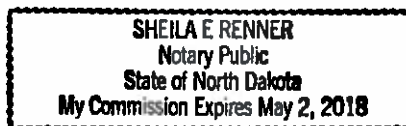
Darlene Steffan, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states:

That on the 26th day of May, 2016, copies of the foregoing Affidavit of Service, together with copies of Basin Electric Power Cooperative's Filing in the above-referenced matter were served upon the parties on the attached service list by e-filing, electronic mail, facsimile and/or first-class mail, proper postage prepaid from Bismarck, North Dakota.


Darlene Steffan

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 26th day of May, 2016.


Notary Public



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