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STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON REC ELIGIBILITY

Issued: May 28, 2014

In the Matter of a Commission Investigation into a Multi-State Tracking and Trading System for Renewable Energy Credits

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Comment Period: Initial comment period closes June 30, 2014 at 4:30pm.
Reply comment period closes July 11, 2014 at 4:30pm.

Topics Open for Comment:

- M-RETS' decision to allow the importing of Michigan RECs;
- Whether the Commission should determine that wind and solar RECs imported from the Michigan tracking system are eligible for Minnesota RES compliance if 1 MWh equals one Renewable Energy Certificate;
- Whether the Commission should state that other types of RECs from the Michigan tracking system, such as hydroelectric and biomass RECs, would need specific approval from the Commission prior to a Minnesota utility retiring them for Minnesota RES compliance.

Project Background: At its May board meeting, M-RETS approved the Michigan Renewable Energy Certification System (MIRECs) as a compatible tracking system for the importing of RECs. Data on source registry is available on the imported certificate.

In its December 18, 2007 Order in the current docket, the Commission stated:

"At this time, the Commission will not require a demonstration of deliverability for renewable energy certificates created by M-RETS that are to be used for compliance with the Minnesota renewable energy objectives/renewable energy standards. The parties have raised both practical questions and specific objections to the Department's recommendation, which at this juncture outweigh possible benefits from the Department's proposal.

Finally, in the short term, the only renewable energy credits available to Minnesota utilities are renewable energy certificates within the M-RETS system. *At such time that M-RETS establishes protocols for the import/export of renewable energy credits from outside the M-RETS system, the Commission can take up the issue of deliverability for renewable energy credits that originate outside M-RETS, and whether non-M-RETS renewable energy credits can be used to*

meet the Minnesota renewable energy objectives/renewable energy standards.” (Emphasis added.)

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