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January 9, 2014

Dr. Burl Haar, Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
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St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

***Subject: In the Matter of a Filing by Dakota Electric Association  
Regarding the Monthly Rate for the  
Optional Renewable Energy Rider  
Docket No. E-111/M-14-\_\_\_\_\_***

Dear Dr. Haar:

Enclosed is a filing by Dakota Electric Association (Dakota Electric) regarding the Monthly Rate for the Optional Renewable Energy Rider marketed as Wellspring Renewable Energy. The Optional Renewable Energy Rider, originally approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission on April 22, 1997 in Docket No. E-111/M-97-178, offers consumers the opportunity to purchase renewable energy at a price that reflects the incremental cost difference in providing the desired renewable resource. This market-based approach responds to consumer preferences for energy from renewable resources.

Dakota Electric submits this filing in early January of each year to update the monthly rate applicable to this Optional Renewable Energy Rider. The enclosed filing documents no change in the monthly price of \$0.40 for each 100 kWh block of renewable Wellspring energy. Accordingly, **Dakota Electric is not proposing any change to the Monthly Renewable Energy Rate in 2014.**

If you have any questions about the information in this filing, please call me at (651) 463-6258.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Douglas R. Hanson'.

Vice President of Regulatory Services  
Dakota Electric Association  
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Enclosure

**Certificate of Service**

I, Cherry Jordan, hereby certify that I have this day served copies of the attached document to those on the following service list by e-filing, personal service, or by causing to be placed in the U.S. mail at Farmington, Minnesota.

**Docket No. E-111/M-14-**

Dated this 9th day of January, 2014

/s/

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Cherry Jordan

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
BEFORE THE  
MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Association Regarding the Monthly Rate for  
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**SUMMARY OF FILING**

Please take notice that on January 9, 2014, Dakota Electric Association (Dakota Electric or Cooperative) submitted a filing regarding the Monthly Rate for the Optional Renewable Energy Rider. The Optional Renewable Energy Rider, originally approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission on April 22, 1997 in Docket No. E-111/M-97-178, offers consumers the opportunity to purchase renewable energy at a price that reflects the incremental cost difference in providing the desired renewable resource. This market-based approach responds to consumer preferences for energy from renewable resources. **Dakota Electric is not proposing any change to the Monthly Renewable Energy Rate in 2014.**

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**PETITION OF  
DAKOTA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION**

**Introduction**

The Optional Renewable Energy Rider, originally approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC or Commission) on April 22, 1997 in Docket No. E-111/M-97-178, offers consumers the opportunity to purchase renewable energy at a price that reflects the incremental cost difference in providing the desired renewable resource. This market-based approach responds to consumer preferences for energy from renewable resources.

**Optional Renewable Energy Rider**

Monthly Rate

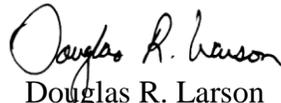
The monthly rate for the Optional Renewable Energy Rider is based on the incremental price difference to Dakota Electric Association (Dakota Electric) in providing this service. Dakota Electric received approval to change the timing of this annual filing to January in Docket No. E-111/M-06-1189. The monthly rate of \$0.40 per 100 kWh block of renewable energy is a pass-through of the wholesale charge from Great River Energy (GRE) as shown in Exhibit II. The 2014 wholesale cost for this service is the same as 2013.

Exhibit I demonstrates that Wellspring revenue equaled wholesale power costs and no true-up adjustment is necessary for the monthly rate.

**Conclusion**

Based on the information included in this filing, *Dakota Electric is proposing no change to the Optional Renewable Energy Rider monthly rate of \$0.40 per 100 kWh block for 2014.* If you have any questions about the information in this filing, please call me at (651) 463-6258.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglas R. Larson  
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**Dakota Electric Association**  
**Optional Renewable Energy**  
**2013 True-up Calculation**  
**Overview**

\$	37,192	Renewable Contract Obligation (Dakota Electric Payment to GRE)
+	<u>          -</u>	Prior Under Recovery
	37,192	Net Renewable Energy Cost
-	<u>  37,192  </u>	DEA Renewable Energy Rider Revenue
		(0) Net Under Recovery

**Dakota Electric Association**  
**Optional Renewable Energy**  
**2014 Monthly Rate**  
**Calculation Overview**

\$ 0.00400	GRE Renewable Energy Rate*
+ _____ -	True-up Adjustment per kWh
<u>\$ 0.00400</u>	Net Billable Cost per kWh (Monthly Rate)
\$ 0.400	Renewable Energy Monthly Rate (per 100 kWh)

\* Great River Energy Renewable Energy Rate as specified in Special Rate Rider R. This rate is in addition to GRE charges for capacity, energy, transmission, and ancillary services.

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