

June 5, 2015

Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

RE: **Docket No. E999/PR-15-12**

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On April 17, 2015, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued a *Notice of Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) Retirement Process for Renewable Energy Standards and Green Pricing Programs*. The Notice required entities subject to Minn. Stat. §216B.1691 (RES Statute) to file by June 1, 2015 a report detailing their compliance with the RES Statute for the year 2014.

Minn. Stat. §216B.1691, subd. 2 requires utilities other than Xcel Energy to obtain at least 12 percent of their Minnesota 2014 retail sales from renewable energy sources. Minn. Stat. §216B.1691, subd. 2 (b) requires Xcel Energy to obtain 18 percent of its 2014 retail sales from renewable energy sources.

The following utilities have filed their 2014 compliance reports:

- Basin Electric Cooperative (Basin);
- Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (CMMPA);
- Dairyland Power Cooperative;
- East River Electric Power Cooperative (East River);
- Great River Energy (GRE);
- Heartland Consumers Power District;
- Interstate Power and Light (IPL);
- L&O Power Cooperative;
- Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (MMPA);
- Minnesota Power (MP);
- Minnkota Power Cooperative;
- Missouri River Energy Services;
- Northern States Power d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel);
- Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company;
- Otter Tail Power Company (OTP); and
- Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (SMMPA).

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The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (DOC) reviewed these filings and verified that utilities have complied with the 2014 RES requirement. In total, utilities retired RECs representing 14.8 percent of total Minnesota retail sales in 2014. Attached to this letter is a table summarizing each utility's compliance with the RES Statute.

The DOC is available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

/s/ SUSAN L. PEIRCE
Rate Analyst

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Summary of 2014 Minnesota RES Compliance

	2014 MN Retail Sales	RES Req. %	RES Req. MWhs	RECs Retired
Basin	699,804	12.0%	83,976	83,977
CMPA	316,060	12.0%	37,927	37,928
Dairyland Power	839,363	12.0%	100,724	100,724
East River Electric	431,607	12.0%	51,793	51,909
GRE	11,275,079	12.0%	1,353,009	1,353,010
Heartland	637,795	12.0%	76,535	76,537
Interstate Power	858,241	12.0%	102,989	102,989
L&O Power Coop	257,661	12.0%	30,919	30,920
Minnesota Power	10,176,245	12.0%	1,221,149	1,221,150
Minnkota	1,692,713	12.0%	203,126	203,126
MMPA	1,432,440	12.0%	171,893	172,099
Missouri River Energy Services	1,340,707	12.0%	160,885	160,885
NW Wisconsin*	564	12.0%		
Otter Tail Power	2,320,436	12.0%	278,452	278,453
SMMPA	2,910,351	12.0%	349,242	349,243
Xcel	30,741,426	18.0%	5,533,457	5,533,458
Total	65,930,492	14.8%	9,756,077	9,756,408

*The Commission has permitted Northwestern Wisconsin to file its RPS compliance filing for Wisconsin to meet its Minnesota RES obligations. For 2014, NW Wisconsin had Minnesota retail sales of 564 MWh's. NW Wisconsin retired 24,367, or 14.48 percent of its retail sales towards its RES compliance in 2014.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sharon Ferguson, hereby certify that I have this day, served copies of the following document on the attached list of persons by electronic filing, certified mail, e-mail, or by depositing a true and correct copy thereof properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Minnesota Department of Commerce
Letter**

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Dated this 5th day of June 2015

/s/Sharon Ferguson

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