

Date: 3-7-15.



Daniel P Wolf, Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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RE: Request for Dispute Resolution Under the Cogeneration and Small Production Statutes and Rules

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Please accept this request for dispute resolution under M.S. 216B.164, Subd. 5 Dispute; resolution and Minn. Rules 7835.4500 Commission Determination, for resolution of a dispute we have with Peoples Energy Cooperative's monthly facility fee rates for Distributed Generation (DG) accounts.

We have had a 10Kw wind turbine since January 2011. The decision to purchase a wind turbine was a serious one, an expensive one. My system is large enough to meet our electrical needs and provide a small extra amount to our utility provider. We pay a monthly facility charge of \$37.00.

On April 24, 2014, People's Energy Cooperative notified us of a rate change for DG accounts effective with February 2014 energy use. Peoples explained that the additional \$5.00 facility fee added to our bill is to address the incremental costs associated with interconnected DG accounts. Peoples' stated that the fee is to help pay for the administrative and physical work associated with Peoples' monthly processing of meter reads, energy purchases, state reporting requirements and other unique infrastructure costs not specifically identified by Peoples Energy Cooperative.

I believe our energy company, Peoples' Energy Cooperative, is the first to charge this kind of fee for renewables only. This monthly fee is the beginning step to more efforts to discourage consumers from obtaining renewable energy systems. I believe the \$5.00 monthly fee is contrary to Commission Rules and in violation of Minn. Statutes, including but not limited to 216B.164, subd. 3 (a), and request the commission's assistance in making a determination as to the appropriateness of this additional fee. I would like to thank the Commission for taking the time to consider our concerns.

Sincerely,

Alan Miller