

February 4, 2015



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: Docket No. E999/R-13-729

Dear MN Public Utilities Commission,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the solar interconnection contract. I have been installing solar for 8 years in Minnesota, and am a solar homeowner. While solar in Minnesota is growing rapidly, I feel it is important to continue to keep the interests of the small solar generator in mind. Small changes to contract language could impose large risks for small solar generators.

I am concerned about the proposal to strike the language in 7835.0800 Schedule E that holds the utility responsible for not being more restrictive than the currently adopted interconnection guidelines. We have experienced several recent instances of Minnesota utilities attempting to put the costs of upgrading their infrastructure onto a proposed small qualifying facility (solar homeowner). It is important to clearly set boundaries for what a utility is allowed to require as a condition for interconnection, particularly with respect to cost allocations for upgrades to the utility's distribution system and future upgrades costs.

We have also noted that a few utilities seem eager to come up with barriers to discourage homeowners from installing solar. It should be upheld that a solar PV system that meets National Electric Code requirements and has passed inspection by the state electrical inspector is code compliant, and not required to meet additional technical requirements imposed by a utility.

Thank you for making sure that transparency and clear parameters are maintained in our state interconnection policy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Lundberg".

Rebecca Lundberg
Owner/CEO, Powerfully Green