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## STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

### NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL COMMENT PERIOD

*Issued: October 10, 2014*

**In the Matter of** a Request for the Approval of the Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement between Interstate Power and Light Company and Southern Minnesota Energy Cooperative

**PUC Docket Numbers:**        **E001, E140, E105, E139, E124, E126, E145, E132, E114, E6521, E-142, E-135/PA-14-322**

**Comment Period:**            Initial comment period closes **November 10, 2014** at 4:30pm  
Reply comment period closes **November 24, 2014** at 4:30pm

#### **Topic/s Open for Comment:**

- Whether the proposed transaction is consistent with the public interest.
- Are the terms and conditions of the Asset Sale reasonable?
- Is the Wholesale Power Agreement reasonable?
- Are there operational concerns that could result from the transaction?
- What will the rate impact be on current IPL customers?
- What are the benefits of the transaction?
- Are there reliability, service quality, or safety concerns that could result from the transaction?
- What entity will be responsible for filing integrated resource plans under Minn. Stat. §216B.2422?
- Will IPL or SMEC be responsible for SMEC members meeting their renewable energy standards obligation, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.1691, and how will that information be reported?
- What plans, if any, are there for the development of community solar gardens in the SMEC members' service territories?
- How will the Commission's authority over the provision of service to current IPL customers change?
- Any other issues parties consider appropriate.

**Project Background:** On April 15, 2014, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) and Southern Minnesota Energy Cooperative (SMEC) submitted their joint request for approval of the sale of IPL's Minnesota electric distribution system and assets, and transfer of service rights and

obligations in Minnesota, to SMEC pursuant to an Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement dated September 3, 2013, and First Amendment to Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement dated October 28, 2013.

Between May 9 and October 6, 2014, Interstate Power and Light and Southern Minnesota Energy Cooperative, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, the Minnesota Office of Attorney General-Antitrust and Utilities Division, the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association and the City of Amboy submitted comments, information requests, and reply comments on IPL and SMEC's proposal.

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