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April 14, 2017

Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7th Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

**Re: Dakota Electric Association Reply Comments in Petition to  
Implement an Optional Communication Fee for Schedules 46 and 54  
Docket No. E-111/M-17-207**

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On March 15, 2017, Dakota Electric Association (Dakota Electric or Cooperative) submitted a Petition in the above-referenced docket requesting Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission or MPUC) approval to implement an Optional Communication Fee for Schedules 46 and 54. The proposed Optional Communication Fee is associated with special metering that is necessary for the member to participate in available optional riders.

On April 5, 2017, the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department or DOC) submitted comments recommending Commission approval, with modification, of the Optional Communication Fee for Schedules 46 and 54.

Dakota Electric Reply Comments

The Department's specific recommendation in April 5 Comments states:

“The Department recommends that the Commission approve Dakota Electric Association's proposal to implement an Optional Communication Fee for Schedules 46 and 54 customers. The Department recommends that, in addition to

the proposed tariff language to be added to Schedules 46 and 54, the Commission require Dakota to add the following language to the MSD and LLHLF Riders:

A monthly Communication Fee of \$8.70 per meter will be charged for digital cellular modem communication.”

Dakota Electric concurs with the Department recommendation to approve, with modification, the Optional Communication Fee for Schedules 46 and 54. Attached to these Reply Comments are revised tariff pages for the MSD Rider and LLHLF Rider including the language proposed by the Department.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding these Reply Comments, please contact me at (651) 463-6258.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Douglas R. Larson*

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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-17-207**

Dated this 14th day of April, 2017

*/s/ Cherry Jordan*

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## MEMBER SPECIFIC DISCOUNT RIDER

### Availability

Available to Commercial and Industrial members receiving service under Schedules 46 and 54 that have electric load that qualifies for a targeted wholesale capacity rate discount from the Association's wholesale power supplier. Service will be provided under the terms of a member-specific contract.

### Rate

Standard rate provisions for Schedules 46 and 54 apply, except that a discount will be applied to the monthly bill based on the member's demand during the wholesale coincident billing peak and the qualifying discount level. The monthly billing discount is available for up to five (5) consecutive years measured from the date electric service is first provided to the qualifying new retail load, or under other terms as offered by the Association's wholesale power supplier.

A monthly Communication Fee of \$8.70 per meter will be charged for digital cellular modem communication.

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### Terms and Conditions of Service

1. Available to new retail load with monthly coincident billing peak demand greater than or equal to 750 kW.
2. Monthly non-coincident load factor must be greater than or equal to 40%.
3. Dakota Electric must supply all (100%) of the retail load's electric requirements. On-site generation is not allowed.
4. Load will be ineligible for Interruptible Commercial and Industrial Service (Schedules 70 and 71) during the term of the agreement and, upon expiration, for an additional three years.
5. Each month that the metered coincident billing peak demand of the qualifying load is greater than or equal to 750 kW, a discount will be applied to the demand of the qualifying load as specified by Dakota Electric's wholesale power supplier.
6. No discount will be applied to the demand of the member's load in a month where the metered coincident billing peak demand of the load is less than 750 kW.
7. A Member Specific Rate may not be offered to a member in whom the Association has a financial interest greater than 50 percent.
8. Member must provide Association with information which documents that the member electrical load from the Association will qualify for the targeted wholesale capacity rate discount from Dakota Electric's power supplier.

## LARGE LOAD HIGH LOAD FACTOR RIDER

### Availability

Available to Commercial and Industrial members receiving service under Schedules 46 and 54 that have electric load at an individual site that meets the qualifying demand and load factor thresholds of the Association's wholesale power supplier.

### Rate

Standard service rate provisions for Schedules 46 and 54 apply, except that a discount will be applied to the member's monthly bill based on the member's calculated load factor. Qualifying loads may move between load factor tiers monthly based on a changing ANCLF (or PNCLF). Credits will be issued monthly for the following load factor tiers:

Tier	ANCLF / PNCLF
1	62.00 % to 74.99%
2	75.00% to 89.99%
3	90.00 % to 100.00 %

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### Terms and Conditions of Service

1. Dakota Electric must supply all (100%) of the member's electric requirements. On-site generation is not allowed.
2. The member will not receive a credit under both the LLHLF rate and any other load management program.
3. The member's qualifying load at an individual site must achieve a Non-Coincident Peak Demand (NCPD) of at least 1,000 kW in any period of sixty (60) consecutive minutes at least one time in the preceding 12-month period.
  - a. NCPD shall be the highest actual metered demand and not an estimated, average or calculated value.
4. The member's qualifying load at an individual site must have an Annual Non-Coincident Load Factor (ANCLF) in the preceding 12-month period that is greater than or equal to 62%.
  - a. All Load Factor calculations will be based only on the individual member's actual demand and energy recorded during the preceding twelve (12) months at an individual site.
  - b. No adjustments will be made for any load management programs, abnormal weather, member load anomaly, or member growth (expected or actual).

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