

June 19, 2013

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

RE: Docket No. E999/PR-13-186

Dear Dr. Haar:

On April 15, 2013 the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) Retirement Process for Minnesota RES and Green Pricing Programs. The Notice required entities subject to Minn. Stat. §216B.1691 (RES Statute) to file by June 1, 2013 a report detailing their compliance with the RES Statute for the year 2012.

Minn. Stat. §216B.1691, subd. 2 requires utilities other than Xcel Energy to obtain at least 12 percent of their Minnesota retail sales from renewable energy sources by the end of 2012. Minn. Stat. §216B.1691, Subd. 2 (b) requires Xcel Energy to obtain 18 percent of its retail sales from renewable energy sources by the end of 2012.

The following utilities have filed their 2012 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 2012 RES requirement. 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

Attachment
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**Summary of 2012 Minnesota RES Compliance through
Retirement of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs)**

	2012 MN Retail Sales (MWhs)*	RES Requirement (%)	RES Req. (MWhs)	RECs Retired (MWhs)
Basin Electric	561,024	12%	67,323	67,323
CMMPA	319,165	12%	38,300	38,300
Dairyland Power	774,976	12%	92,993	92,995
East River Electric	321,422	12%	38,571	38,599
GRE	10,915,210	12%	1,309,825	1,309,826
Heartland	659,451	12%	79,134	79,135
Interstate Power	840,215	12%	100,826	100,838
L&O Power	194,233	12%	23,308	23,308
Minnesota Power	10,230,183	12%	1,227,622	1,227,622
Minnkota	1,461,490	12%	175,379	175,379
MMPA	1,418,385	12%	170,206	170,857
Missouri River Energy Services	1,205,305	12%	144,637	144,637
NW Wisconsin **	565	12%		
Otter Tail Power	2,076,032	12%	249,124	249,124
SMMPA	2,923,691	12%	350,843	350,844
Xcel Energy	31,319,198	12%	5,637,456	5,637,456
Total	65,220,512		9,705,546	9,706,243

* Minnesota retail sales include wholesale sales to Minnesota distribution cooperatives or municipal utilities.

**The Commission's November 12, 2008 Order in Docket No. E999/CI-03-869 allows Northwest Wisconsin to submit a copy of its Wisconsin compliance report to demonstrate its compliance with the Minnesota RES. On April 24, 2013, Northwest Wisconsin submitted its Wisconsin Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) compliance information indicating that it retired 24,118 RECs or 14.48 percent of its Wisconsin sales.

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**

Docket No. E999/PR-13-186

Dated this **19th** day of **June, 2013**

/s/Sharon Ferguson

June 6, 2014

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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

RE: **Docket No. E999/PR-14-12**

Dear Dr. Haar:

On April 17, 2014 the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued a *Notice of Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) Retirement Process, Biennial Report Obligations, and Green Pricing Program Retirement*. The Notice required entities subject to Minn. Stat. §216B.1691 (RES Statute) to file by June 1, 2014 a report detailing their compliance with the RES Statute for the year 2013.

Minn. Stat. §216B.1691, subd. 2 requires utilities other than Xcel Energy to obtain at least 12 percent of their Minnesota retail sales from renewable energy sources by the end of 2012. Minn. Stat. §216B.1691, Subd. 2 (b) requires Xcel Energy to obtain 18 percent of its retail sales from renewable energy sources by the end of 2012.

The following utilities have filed their 2013 compliance reports:

- Basin Electric Cooperative (Basin);
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- Dairyland Power Cooperative;
- East River Electric Power Cooperative (East River);
- Great River Energy (GRE);
- Heartland Consumers Power District;
- Interstate Power and Light (IPL);
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- Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (MMPA);
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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 2013 RES requirement. In total, utilities retired RECs representing 14.8 percent of total Minnesota retail sales in 2013. 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 2013 Minnesota RES Compliance through
Retirement of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs)**

	2013 MN Retail Sales (MWhs)*	RES Requirement (%)	RES Req. (MWhs)	RECs Retired (MWhs)
Basin Electric	677,283	12%	81,274	81,274
CMMPA	317,296	12%	38,079	38,079
Dairyland Power	819,506	12%	98,341	98,343
East River Electric	412,148	12%	49,458	49,567
GRE	11,267,383	12%	1,352,086	1,352,086
Heartland	643,180	12%	77,182	77,183
Interstate Power	857,965	12%	102,956	102,956
L&O Power	156,501	12%	18,780	18,781
Minnesota Power	10,097,896	12%	1,211,748	1,211,748
Minnkota	1,618,100	12%	194,172	192,172
MMPA	1,426,534	12%	171,184	171,523
Missouri River Energy Services	1,355,896	12%	162,708	162,708
NW Wisconsin **	556	12%	67	See below
Otter Tail Power	2,164,446	12%	259,734	259,734
SMMPA	2,928,597	12%	351,432	351,432
Xcel Energy	30,954,277	12%	5,571,770	5,571,770
Total	65,697,008		9,740,964	9,741,353

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**Minnesota Department of Commerce
Letter**

Docket No. E999/PR-14-12

Dated this 6th day of **June 2014**

/s/Sharon Ferguson