

May 6, 2016



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

RE: Comments from a Minnesota solar installer about net-metering fees
Docket No E999/CI-15-755

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Powerfully Green appreciates the opportunity to comment on the docket regarding fees charged to qualifying facilities in MN. Our company has been installing solar in Minnesota since 2007, and we have many existing and future customers who will be significantly affected by the decisions made in this and other related dockets regarding fees charged to net-metered customers.

Powerfully Green agrees with the comments filed by the MN Department of Commerce dated May 6, 2016, and others that recommend removal of these fees.

In addition, we would like to note that much of the conversation in this docket has been surrounding the costs that net-metered customers may or may not be responsible for reimbursing to the utility. From September 2013 – March 2014 Powerfully Green participated in very detailed and scientific analysis of the impacts of qualifying facilities with regard to the topic of a potential Value of Solar rate. These discussions included utilities, state officials, national experts, customers, and other stakeholders who had expertise to contribute. One result of this careful analysis showed that qualifying facilities also contribute value to the grid. It is our opinion that in addition to providing a cost of service study substantiating any claims of cost that a solar installation may cause to the utility, the benefits these customers provide to the utility also need to be taken into account before any utility is allowed to charge a fee to these customers.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Lundberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rebecca Lundberg
Powerfully Green