

Instructions

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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Renewable Energy Certificate Retirement Report for
RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARDS and GREEN PRICING PROGRAMS
Attachment A: REC Retirement Compliance Reporting

For the Reporting Period:
January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015*

*Exception for Worksheet A.6: **Ordering pt. 4C** requires reporting REC sales & purchases for the **2 preceding calendar years**.

Instructions

note: items in red indicate changes in reporting from previous year

Due: June 1st, 2016

Complete the following worksheets and e-file in **Excel (XLS or XLSX)** format:

- Worksheet A.1, Utility Info
- Worksheet A.2, Renewable Energy Standard Retail Sales
- Worksheet A.3, Green Pricing Program Retail Sales
- Worksheet A.4, RES & Green Pricing REC Retirements
- Worksheet A.5, Biennial Compliance Reporting**
- Worksheet A.6, RECs Bought and Sold During the Reporting Period**

To e-file, login, or register, at: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/home.jsp>

for directions on how to e-file, see: <http://www.commerce.state.mn.us/eDocFile/eFilingHelp.html>

For questions about Renewable Energy Certificate retirement or compliance with Renewable Energy Standards, contact Susan Mackenzie at 651-201-2241 or at susan.mackenzie@state.mn.us .

For questions about Green Pricing or about filling out this spreadsheet, send an email to:

DG.Energy@state.mn.us.

For questions about e-filing, contact Karen Santori at 651-539-1530 or at karen.santori@state.mn.us .

Yellow cells - Information provided by utility

Pink cells - Calculated data

Green cells - Headers and instructions

Blue cells - Lists of codes

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Attachment A.1

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**Renewable Energy Certificate Retirement Report for
Renewable Energy Standards and Green Pricing
Programs for the Reporting Period: January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015**

REPORT YEAR	2015	DATE SUBMITTED	May 30, 2015
FILING UTILITY INFORMATION		CONTACT INFORMATION	
COMPANY ID #	174	CONTACT NAME	Bob Sahr
COMPANY NAME	East River Electric Power Coop, Inc.	CONTACT TITLE	General Counsel
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STREET ADDRESS LINE 2	P.O. Box 227	CONTACT E-MAIL	bsahr@eastriver.coop
CITY	Madison	COMMENTS/NOTES	
STATE	South Dakota		
ZIP CODE	57042		

FILING FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARDS ON BEHALF OF:			
UTILITY NAME	UTILITY NAME	UTILITY NAME	UTILITY NAME
Agralite Electric Cooperative			
Lyon-Lincoln Electric Cooperative			
Meeker Cooperative Power and Light Association			
Redwood Electric Cooperative			
Renville-Sibley Cooperative Power Association			
South Central Electric Association			
Traverse Electric Cooperative			

FILING FOR GREEN PRICING PROGRAMS ON BEHALF OF:			
UTILITY NAME	UTILITY NAME	UTILITY NAME	UTILITY NAME
Agralite Electric Cooperative			
Lyon-Lincoln Electric Cooperative			
Meeker Cooperative Power and Light Association			
Redwood Electric Cooperative			
Renville-Sibley Cooperative Power Association			
South Central Electric Association			
Traverse Electric Cooperative			

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*UTILITY ID #	UTILITY	RETAIL SALES AMOUNT (MWh)	NOTES

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GREEN PRICING Program Sales for the Reporting Period:

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TOTAL GREEN PRICING Sales (MWh)	105
RECS retired for GREEN PRICING programs	106

List the cumulative retail sales of green pricing electricity, including utility-managed community solar where the utility retires RECs on behalf of customers, and the number of customers as of December 31, 2015. *Utility ID #s on last worksheet					
*UTILITY ID #	UTILITY NAME	PROGRAM NAME	NO. OF PROGRAM CUSTOMERS	PROGRAM SALES (MWh)	NOTES
174	East River Electric Power Coop, Inc.	PrairieWinds®	18	105	

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*UTILITY ID #	UTILITY NAME	PROGRAM NAME	NO. OF PROGRAM CUSTOMERS	PROGRAM SALES (MWh)	NOTES

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**Renewable Energy Certificate Retirements for Renewable Energy
Standards and Green Pricing Programs for the Reporting Period: January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015**

Renewable Energy Standard REC Retirement Account Name:	2015 EREPC MN RES
Green Pricing REC Retirement Account Name:	2015 EREPC MN Green Pricing

MRETS ID	MRETS Generator Facility Name	RECS retired for RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD compliance	RECS retired for GREEN PRICING programs	NOTES
Total RECs		51,106	106	1 REC = 1 MWh
M258	FPL Energy South Dakota Wind	51,106	106	

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MRETS ID	MRETS Generator Facility Name	RECS retired for RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD compliance	RECS retired for GREEN PRICING programs	NOTES
Total RECs		51,106	106	1 REC = 1 MWh

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Biennial Compliance reporting

Please report the following items in compliance with the PUC May 28, 2013 Order in Docket No. E999/M-12-958

Ordering Point

4.A. & 5.H. the year through which the utility can maintain compliance with its current renewable portfolio*

2025

*Include banked Renewable Energy Credits (RECs)

4.B. & 5.I. Projected compliance for the current plus three (3) upcoming years. *include banked RECs.

Year	actual/projected MN retail sales (MWh)	RES Req.(%)	RES Req. (MWh)	Projected Resources (MWh)	Projected Surplus/ (Deficit) (MWh)	
2015	425,078	12%	51,009	51,009		Actual
2016	479,707	17%	81,550	81,550		Latest Load Forecast
2017	516,430	17%	87,793	87,793		Latest Load Forecast
2018	574,262	17%	97,625	97,625		Latest Load Forecast

5.E.2 & 5.F. Identify other State Renewable Standards or Objectives to which the utility is subject, and the percentage of renewable energy allocated to meet the renewable requirements.

State	RES Req. (MWh)	RES Req. (%)	Percent of utility's total system renewable generation apportioned to this state (%)*	
SD	2,593,723	10	85.92%	2015 Actual

*apportionment of renewable energy should reflect each state's percentage of the utility's total system sales.

5.E.3 (i) The status of the utility's renewable energy mix relative to the objective & standards.

East River's existing and planned power supply mix is projected to meet known state imposed objectives and standards.

5.E.3(ii) Efforts taken to meet the objective and standards

East River and its power suppliers continue to pursue opportunities to add wind, solar, waste heat recovery, and other renewable energy projects.

5.E.3(iii) Obstacles encountered or anticipated in meeting the objective or standards

State and federal policies, along with regulatory decisions, as well as the practices and strategies of certain interest groups, may artificially create cost shifts among consumers particularly if renewable energy projects are not required to pay their fair share of utility infrastructure including generation, transmission, and distribution costs. If this is permitted, then other consumers will unfairly pay higher rates. This will have a detrimental effect on all impacted consumers, but elderly and lower-income groups will have a particularly difficult time absorbing these added costs.

5.E.3(iv) Potential solutions to the obstacles

Renewable energy projects should pay their fair share of utility infrastructure including generation, transmission, and distribution costs.

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5.G. List any renewable generation facilities expected to become operational during the upcoming year

Facility Name	type	Capacity (MW)	Cap. Factor (%)	Expected Comm'l Operation Date

5.K. Identify efforts taken to adequately protect against undesirable economic impacts on ratepayers, including, but not limited to keeping customer's bills and the utility's rates as low as practicable, given regulatory and other constraints.

East River and its member systems support business practices and state and federal policies that protect against undesirable impacts on ratepayers. As stated previously, the cost shifts, created if renewable energy projects do not pay their fair share of utility infrastructure is of prime concern. East River and its members, along with our statewide association (Minnesota Rural Electric Association) and regional/national groups, invest substantial resources to encourage positive political, regulatory, and business outcomes.

