

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: March 10, 2020

In the Matter of Compliance with Renewable Energy Standards for Year 2019

PUC Docket Number(s): E-999/PR-20-12
E-999/M-20-283

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes March 30, 2020 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes April 22, 2020 at 4:30pm

Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.

Issue: Whether the Commission should clarify that AEP Energy Partners, Inc. is or is not subject to the Renewable Energy Standard (RES)

Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Is the wholesale power provider AEP Energy Partners, Inc. (AEPEP) subject to the renewable energy standard (RES)? “Electric utilities” are subject to the RES. The statute defines an electric utility as “a public utility providing electric service, a generation and transmission cooperative electric association, a municipal power agency, or a power district.”¹ Commenters should indicate whether AEPEP meets any of these definitions.
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Background: All utilities subject to [Minn. Stat. §216B.1691](#) must retire Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) and file annual verification reports for the RES. In the 2018 REC reporting, Minnesota Power informed the Commission of the recent wholesale provider change to Brainerd Public Utilities. After July 1, 2019, AEPEP will be providing wholesale power to Brainerd Public Utilities. Representatives from Brainerd Public Utilities are included in this comment period to discuss applicability of the standard. The Commission’s past practice has been to clarify which wholesale providers are or are not subject to the RES.

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¹ Minn. Stat. §216B.1691 subd. 1(b).

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