

**NOTICE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE (REC) RETIREMENT FOR  
RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARDS AND GREEN PRICING PROGRAMS**

Issued: March 22, 2022

**In the Matter of Commission Consideration and Determination of Compliance with Renewable Energy Standards for Year 2021**

**In the Matter of Commission Consideration and Determination of Compliance with Renewable Energy Standards (RES) Biennial Reporting**

**In the Matter of the Green Pricing Verification Filing Process**

**PUC Docket Number(s):      E-999/PR-22-12  
   E-999/M-22-85  
   E-999/PR-02-1240**

All utilities subject to [Minn. Stat. §216B.1691](#), as well as those with Green Pricing Programs, must retire Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) and file annual verification reports for the Renewable Energy Standards (RES), Solar Energy Standards, and Green Pricing Programs. These may be addressed by completing the information requested in the spreadsheet and filing it no later than **June 2, 2022**. The spreadsheet may be found here:

[Filing Template](#) (.xlsx)

**For the 2021 compliance year, RECs must be retired by May 2, 2022.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Utilities should have received an invitation to retire RECs in the M-RETS dashboard under the program titled ‘Minnesota RPS 2021 Compliance.’ For questions regarding the platform or invitations, please contact [systemadmin@mrets.org](mailto:systemadmin@mrets.org).

In accordance with the Commission’s [March 19, 2010 Order](#) (Docket No. E-999/CI-03-869), all entities covered under Minn. Stat. §216B.1691, except Xcel Energy, must retire RECs representing **20 percent** of annual retail sales for calendar year 2021. Xcel Energy is required to retire RECs representing **30 percent** of annual retail sales for calendar year 2021.

Compliance will also be reviewed for Minnesota’s Solar Energy Standard under [Minn. Stat. § 216B.1691, subd. 2f](#), which requires a public utility to generate or procure enough solar energy to

supply at least 1.5% of its retail electric sales in Minnesota with solar energy by the end of 2020. Of the 1.5% solar, at least 10% must come from solar photovoltaic devices with 40-kilowatt (kW) capacity or less. Public utilities with 50,000 to 200,000 retail electric customers may count individual customers' community-solar garden subscriptions of 40 kW or less toward the 10% small-scale carveout.

Compliance is measured on a calendar year basis. The Commission will consider utility compliance with the RES based on the Department's report to the legislature on utility RES compliance due on Jan. 15, 2023 under [Minn. Stat. §216B.1691; Subd. 3\(b\)](#). Parties will have the opportunity to comment consistent with Minn. R. 7829.1400 in February 2023.

Utilities must retire a sufficient number of RECs to meet the 2021 RES and the 2021 SES for certain utilities, as well as retire a sufficient number of RECs to meet the green pricing sales for the applicable calendar year. These retirements must be completed by May 1 (or the next business day) of the year following the compliance year. For example, RECs for compliance (calendar) year 2021 must be transferred and retired by May 2, 2022.

**Biennial Reporting:** Please note Tab 5 of the spreadsheet addresses the filing requirements for the RES biennial reporting obligation and is only included in years in which the biennial report requirement applies, as it does this year. Utilities are required to file this information pursuant to the Commission's [Order Finding Utilities In Compliance With Minn. Stat. §216b.1691 And Modifying Biennial Reporting Procedures](#), in Docket No. E-999/M-12-958, issued May 28, 2013.

**Solar Energy Standard (SES):** Please note Tab 4 of the spreadsheet addresses the filing requirements for the SES reporting obligation per the [January 29, 2021 Order](#) and Attachment 1 in Docket No. E-999/M-20-464. Only utilities subject to this subdivision need to report.

**Eligible energy facilities:** RECs must originate from eligible energy technology as defined by Minn. Stat. §216B.1691, subd. 1.

**REC shelf life:** Only RECs retired before the end of their Commission-designated shelf life (the year of generation plus four years) will be counted towards either the RES requirement or a utility's Green Pricing Program. Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs) for the Solar Energy Standard (SES) portion of the RES also have a four-year shelf life, but SRECs generated before 2020 were granted longer eligibility per the Commission's April 25, 2014 order in Docket No. E-999/CI-13-542.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Please see Order Points 1 and 2 on page 5 of the [April 25, 2014 order](#) from Docket No. E-999/CI-13-542, *In the Matter of the Implementation of Solar Energy Standards Pursuant to 2013 Amendments to Minnesota Statutes, Section 216B.1691*.

1. Any solar renewable energy credit associated with a solar photovoltaic device installed and generating electricity in Minnesota after August 1, 2013, but before 2020 shall have a four-year shelf life commencing January 2020.
2. All solar renewable energy credits created after January 2020 shall have a shelf life of four years.

**M-RETS REC retirement platform:** Utilities should have been invited to the Minnesota RPS 2021 Compliance program and, for certain public utilities, the Minnesota Small Solar program via M-RETS account holders.

Questions regarding the online retirement process or the generation of M-RETS reports may be directed to: Mark Teklinski, System Support Analyst at (651) 900-7891 or [systemadmin@mrets.org](mailto:systemadmin@mrets.org).

**Filing requirements:** Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies are required to file documents using the Commission's electronic filing system (eFiling). All parties, participants and interested persons are encouraged to use eFiling: [mn.gov/puc](https://mn.gov/puc), select *eFiling*, and follow the prompts.

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**Questions about the Green Pricing section of the reporting form** may be directed to Lise Trudeau, Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources staff, at [Clean.Energy@state.mn.us](mailto:Clean.Energy@state.mn.us) or (651) 539- 1861.

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I, Chrishna Beard, hereby certify that I have this day, served a true and correct copy of the following document to all persons at the addresses indicated below or on the attached list by electronic filing, electronic mail, courier, interoffice mail or by depositing the same enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission**

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