# STATE OF MINNESOTA BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Updating the Generic Standards for the Interconnection and Operation of Distributed Generation Facilities Established under Minn. Stat. § 216B.1611

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## INITIAL COMMENTS OF THE INTERSTATE RENEWABLE ENERGY COUNCIL AND FRESH ENERGY ON THE DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCE TECHNICAL INTERCONNECTION AND INTEROPERABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Interstate Renewable Energy Council, Inc. (IREC) and Fresh Energy appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments on the proposed Minnesota Distributed Energy Resource (DER) Technical Interconnection and Interoperability Requirements (TIIR). Both IREC and Fresh Energy were actively involved in the earlier phase of this docket to draft the Minnesota Distributed Energy Resources Interconnection Process (MN DIP) and Interconnection Agreement (MN DIA), and were members of the Distributed Generation Workgroup's Technical Subgroup (the "Workgroup" or DGWG) to draft the TIIR.

Our organizations greatly appreciate the Commission's commitment to this process of updating Minnesota's interconnection rules and requirements and also appreciate the hard work and collaboration of all of the Workgroup members through this process. In light of the substantial time and resources that went into developing the draft TIIR and the urgency to get updated technical standards in place, IREC and Fresh Energy support the Commission adopting

the TIIR as submitted, with two specific modifications identified below. However, while our organizations are able to accept the TIIR as drafted for purposes of expediency, there are a number of critical issues that were not completely or adequately addressed in the draft that we want to bring to the Commission's attention. We ask the Commission to establish a process to adequately resolve these issues as we believe portions of the TIIR are going to be problematic for DER customers if they are not resolved. In addition, we provide comments on the scope and proposed process for adopting the Technical Specification Manuals (TSM) and on the process for updating both the TIIR and TSMs going forward.

I. THE TECHNICAL INTERCONNECTION AND INTEROPERABILITY REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE ADOPTED LARGELY AS SUBMITTED, BUT A CLEAR PROCESS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR FILING OF THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION MANUALS AND FOR FURTHER ALIGNING INDIVIDUAL UTILTY REQUIREMENTS.

Since the first TIIR was initially adopted in 2004, much has changed in the interconnection landscape in Minnesota, the market for distributed energy resources (DERs) has grown dramatically in size and there is a much more diverse set of technologies applying to interconnect. In addition, the primary technical standard that guides distribution interconnection, IEEE 1547, underwent a major update in 2018 that will enable DERs to assist with the management of power quality on the grid in ways that were previously prohibited. For these reasons it made sense to start with a fresh approach to the TIIR.

As has been the case since the technical requirements were first adopted in 2004, we believe it was the Commission's intent that the technical requirements be consistent across the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Docket CI-01-1023, Order Establishing Standards, at 3 (Sept. 28, 2004) ("The Technical Work Group was charged with drafting documents and guidelines for tariffs so that a person interested in developing distributed generation could know what technical requirements to expect when applying for interconnection with *any electric utility in the state*." (emphasis added)).

entire state of Minnesota. At the start of the Workgroup process, the utilities instead proposed that only some of the technical standards be established statewide in the TIIR, and that a separate set of documents, known as the Technical Specification Manuals (TSM), be prepared that could contain technical requirements specific and potentially unique to each utility. As a result, the draft TIIR produced by the Workgroup is not as comprehensive as IREC and Fresh Energy would have liked. Very significant technical requirements that can impact project costs and timing are not in the TIIR and instead have been left to utility discretion to adopt in their TSMs. It is foreseeable that the existence of many different TSMs will complicate the interconnection process for DER customers, companies and installers. In addition, we are concerned that the process of creating multiple TSMs also means there will be less scrutiny and thorough justification of the technical requirements that are imbedded within.

Since there is an urgent need for some updated technical requirements to be in place, we recommend the draft TIIR be adopted now, with the two exceptions noted below. However, we urge the Commission to continue the effort of trying to establish consistent statewide technical standards and to ensure that the TSMs, if they exist at all,<sup>3</sup> contain only technical requirements that are truly justified based upon unique electrical circumstances in a utility's territory.

# A. The TSMs Should be Filed with the Commission Along with a Clearly Defined Process for Objections and Updates.

The Commission should require that the TSMs be filed within 60-days of the Commission's Order. It is important to ensure there is a formal opportunity for the TSM's to be scrutinized and they should be properly lodged with the Commission. After the TSMs are filed,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See e.g., Dkt. E999/CI-16-521, Comments of Xcel Energy, at 2 (Jan. 17, 2018).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As we noted during the Workgroup, it is also possible that exceptions could be included in the TIIR itself where unique conditions apply for a utility, rather than creating multiple different technical requirements documents.

there should be a 30-day period in which any stakeholder may file an objection with the Commission which documents their concerns with the provisions of any TSM. Any such objection should clearly identify what provisions are being objected to, why, and identify a preferred alternative approach if possible. If no such objections are received, the TSMs should go into effect automatically (i.e. 30 days after being filed). If objections are received, the Commission shall make a formal determination on the objections before the TSM can go into effect. If no objections are received and the TSM goes into effect after the 30-day period, the Commission should be explicit that this does not mean that all parties have waived rights to later object to a provision in a TSM, but only that a TSM with no filed objections will go into effect.

In addition to the designated period for filing objections after the TSM's are initially filed, any stakeholder should be able to petition the Commission for review of the TSMs if issues or concerns arise at a later date. It is often the case that it will not be obvious if there are issues with technical requirements until they are in effect and interconnection customers begin to operate under them, thus it is necessary that there be an opportunity to raise these concerns when they arise. This process will provide a streamlined pathway for TSMs to go into effect, allows for stakeholders to object to problematic provisions and does not foreclose later review of TSM provisions as circumstances change with technology and customer/industry experience with the process.

The utilities should be required to keep their TSM's up-to-date and to notify stakeholders and the Commission of any changes that are made. We also recommend that if a utility updates their TSM, that they be required to file a clean and a redlined version with the Commission, along with a letter explaining the changes and the proposed timing for when they would go into effect. The process described above for the filing of objections should apply for every update the

utility files and the changes should go into effect no sooner than 30-days after they are filed (or at a later date as identified in the filing). Changes should only apply to projects applying after the effective date (unless the applicant and utility mutually agree to follow the new requirements). In addition to filing the updated TSM with the Commission, each utility shall strive to notify interconnection customers and installers when changes are made.

## B. The TSM Must be Subordinate to the TIIR and be Organized in a Consistent Manner.

In its Order, the Commission should clearly define the scope of the TSMs and their relationship with the TIIR. It must be clear that the TIIR is the controlling technical document for the state of Minnesota and preempts anything in an individual utility's TSM unless expressly noted in the TIIR. The TSMs must neither conflict with the TIIR's standards nor establish technical requirements that go beyond those in the TIIR.

Since having both the TIIR and multiple different TSMs is likely to create some confusion and additional burden on interconnection customers, we recommend the Commission also order the utilities to adopt the TSMs using a consistent format and organization. At the August 9, 2019 Workgroup meeting the utilities presented a proposed outline for the TSM.<sup>4</sup> We support this outline and recommend the Commission require that it be followed by each utility.

## C. The Commission Should Establish a Formal Review Process to Further Align the State's Technical Standards in the Future

In addition to the particular technical issues identified in the latter sections of these comments as requiring further work to achieve consistency and clarity, the Commission should commit to a comprehensive review and comparison of the TSMs within one year following their initial adoption. We recommend that Commission staff or another neutral party be tasked with

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Slide 16 from the August 9, 2019 Workgroup meeting.

conducting a review of the TSMs to identify (1) what technical requirements are consistent across the utilities that could be moved into the TIIR and (2) what technical requirements are currently inconsistent but warrant evaluation as to whether the differences are truly justified based on actual technical distinctions with utility systems. Based on this review, a report would be submitted to the Distributed Generation Workgroup for discussion. The Commission should direct the Workgroup to continue to try to achieve a consistent set of technical requirements.

# D. The Commission Should Establish a Convenient and Efficient Method to Collect Comments on Issues with the DIP, DIA, TSMs and TIIR for Discussion within the Distributed Generation Workgroup

In its August 13, 2018 Order the Commission delegated to the "Executive Secretary the authority to establish and maintain an ongoing Distributed Generation Workgroup to meet annually, or more frequently as needed, to review implementation and technical issues that arise with implementation of the MN DIP, MN DIA, or emerging DER technology. Updates to the MN DIP and/or MN DIA may be accomplished by Commission order in response to a petition." IREC and Fresh Energy strongly support the idea of having a continuing formal Workgroup and have seen these used with some success in various states. In order to assist the Secretary in identifying when there are issues that need to be resolved that may require meetings on a more than annual basis, we ask that the Commission adopt the "Revision Request Form" (included here as Attachment A) to standardize and facilitate the collection of requests for changes to future iterations of the DIP, DIA, TSMs and TIIR and to provide an appropriate path for public submission on an ongoing basis. Based on the urgency and volume of requests received from

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> E-999/CI-01-1023 and E-999/CI-16-521, Order Establishing Updated Interconnection Process and Standard Interconnection Agreement, at 32 (Aug. 13, 2018).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> This form was developed with input from Dakota Electric and Star Energy Services.

stakeholders, the Commission can then appropriately reconvene the Workgroup to discuss and address the suggested changes.

Stakeholder conversations and collaboration prior to submission of the request form are encouraged, but not always practical and therefore should not be required. Providing a clear process for the many MN DIP, MN DIA, and TIIR stakeholders to participate in future improvements to the standards in a transparent and trackable manner will greatly benefit the few tasked with writing and approving the standards.

II. ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS ARE LIKELY TO BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF MINNESOTA'S ENERGY SYSTEM AND MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO ADDRESS THE PROCESS AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE SYSTEMS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

During Phase I of this proceeding IREC, Fresh Energy, the Energy Freedom Coalition of America and MnSEIA sought to clarify how energy storage systems (ESS) would be reviewed during the interconnection process. The Phase I Workgroup was unable to reach agreement on an approach to how the capacity from storage systems would be reviewed, and rather than deciding the issue last year, the Commission referred the issue to Phase II for "further development."

The Phase II Workgroup did attempt to further define the operating requirements and review standards for energy storage in Section 10 of the TIIR, but consensus was not achievable and IREC and Fresh Energy continue to believe that the effort is incomplete and that the Commission will need to revisit this issue again in the near future so that Minnesotans can take advantage of the flexible services that storage can provide without imposing unnecessary interconnection costs. At this point, the TIIR leaves too much to utility discretion and will require storage customers to individually negotiate with each utility about important features of their project

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> *Id.* at 9.

which can slow down the interconnection process. Below we have identified for the Commission our particular areas of concern which we believe the Commission should look to resolve in the near future.

#### **Control Modes for Energy Storage Systems** Α.

Section 10.2 of the draft TIIR addresses energy storage system control modes. 8 The controllable nature of energy storage is one of its most valuable features, enabling it to offer flexible services to customers and the grid. Utilities, however, are used to reviewing projects that typically operate with a set of fixed characteristics that are not easily changed. With storage systems, utilities need a sufficiently clear understanding of how the system will be operated to determine what effect it may have on the grid, but at the same time locking the storage system into one inflexible control mode may limit the usefulness of the storage system. In order to address this concern, Section 10.2 of the TIIR requires that energy storage system control modes be reviewed and approved by the utility and documented in the operating agreement.

IREC and Fresh Energy believe energy storage system control mode review, approval and security requirements proposed in the TIIR may be unduly restrictive in the long-term. While this conservative approach may appear prudent from an engineering perspective, we do not believe that this approach is necessary to protect the safety and reliability of the grid and believe it will impede customers' ability to operate their storage system in the most economical and/or grid beneficial manner. Thus, the draft TIIR's proposal, which may allow utilities to severely limit the flexibility of storage systems, should be considered a temporary measure that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> We have identified one specific editorial change that should be made to the TIIR. The

definition for ESS Control Mode should be modified as follows: "The function that manages the real and reactive power flow from or to a DERESS in response to certain parameters, (such as time, price signals, frequency or external signals, etc.)."

is re-evaluated in the near future. As more familiarity is gained about how storage systems operate and interact with the grid, interconnection requirements should allow for less restricted operation, with an eye towards incentivizing grid-supportive behavior. We recommend that the Commission order that this issue be addressed by utilities and stakeholders in the coming year and be incorporated into the TIIR soon thereafter.

#### **B.** Energy Storage System Operating Agreements

The TIIR states: "The ESS Control Mode(s) reviewed and approved should be documented in an operating agreement. The operating agreement should also list the ESS Control Mode(s) that is being utilized." The TIIR does not define, however, what this operating agreement language is and thus leaves open the possibility that each utility in Minnesota will impose varying requirements. We thus believe that the Commission should look to create standard operating agreement language for energy storage control modes in order to ensure consistent treatment of these systems across utilities.

Without standardization of the "control modes," which are broadly defined in the TIIR, potential confusion could arise due to individual utility interpretations as well as differences among storage vendors. Interconnection applicants should be able to understand what exactly is being agreed to and what is required to comply. The Commission should thus ensure that utilities and stakeholders work to harmonize the language and structure of these informational requirements in the operating agreements to the extent possible.

### C. Defining Capacity for Systems Using Power Controls

As mentioned above, energy storage systems are unique in their ability to control both how much and when they export power to the grid. For example, storage systems can be designed to never export to the grid, to limit their export to a certain amount of capacity, or to limit the export to certain times of the year or day. For inverter based systems 20kW or less,

section 11.2 of the draft TIIR only allows DER AC capacity to be limited (for interconnection purposes) via the configuration settings. This requirement dovetails with the DIP section 5.14.3 allowance for limiting maximum capacity to less than a DER's nameplate rating.

The configuration setting for power will generally limit output power at the inverter's terminals. In essence, it re-configures the inverter to a power value lower than nameplate. While this may be useful in some scenarios, it does not address the ability of Power Control Systems (PCS) to manage export while supporting local loads. A PCS would allow the inverter(s) on site to output full power when loads (possibly including energy storage) can consume the power. The PCS can, at the same time, ensure export to the grid remains below a certain power level. PCS are a low-cost option for managing PV system output, load and storage in order to meet export restrictions, though they can introduce inadvertent export.

The PCS will be widely used in coming years to avoid assigning output ratings for PV plus storage systems that are higher than they would actually operate at in the real world. PCSs could also be used to avoid potential distribution system upgrades by keeping export below technical limits. Numerous states, including California, New York, Hawaii and California have started to address how storage systems with PCSs should be reviewed and are recognizing that it is possible to create clear and defined processes without having to default to extremely conservative assumptions. Thus, we believe the DIP and TIIR should be revised in the future to explicitly describe the treatment of DER using PCS for maximum capacity and export control.

# III. THE IMPACT OF THE VOLTAGE REGULATION SETTINGS SHOULD BE CLOSELY MONITORED TO ENSURE INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER IMPACTS ARE APPROPRIATE.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Inadvertent export is the unscheduled export of active power from a generating facility, exceeding a specified magnitude and for a limited duration, generally due to fluctuations in load-following behavior.

One of the most significant and beneficial changes made in IEEE 1547-2018 is the ability for DERs to help manage system voltage. While IREC and Fresh Energy strongly support using DERs to help support the grid, and potentially manage the impacts from DERs, it is important to protect DER customers in that process. Below we identify some specific aspects of the proposed TIIR that could be improved in the future to better protect customers while enabling them to manage voltage on the system.

#### A. Voltage Regulation

Section 5.3 of the draft TIIR requires as the default voltage regulation mode that systems be operated at a constant power factor mode of 0.98. IEEE 1547-2018, on the other hand, has several potential modes, including volt-var. While constant power factor requires the same proportion of reactive power from all DER, volt-var would allow the DER to autonomously adjust reactive power production based on the grid's need. Autonomous volt-var can increase the ability of the grid to host DERs without upgrades and could potentially reduce var flow compared to constant power factor. While a constant power factor, as proposed in the draft TIIR, is an acceptable "first step" into DER voltage regulation, IREC and Fresh Energy support utilizing the volt-var function in the future.

The MN utilities expressed some trepidation to using autonomous voltage regulation due to concerns that power quality issues could be caused by interactions between DER and/or interactions with other voltage regulating devices on the distribution system. Utilities in California and Hawaii have deployed volt-var as default on inverter-based DER for more than a year. In addition, as the 1547 certified equipment becomes available towards the end of next

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Var flow causes efficiency losses and reduces the ability of the grid to transmit real power, and thus is best minimized.

year, we expect there will be substantially more research and insight available that could help assuage utility concerns. Parties in Minnesota should look to the real-world experience of these utilities, as well as expanding literature, to help guide them while choosing the most beneficial default voltage regulation function and settings for future revisions of the TIIR. The Commission should require the Workgroup to fully evaluate volt-var within the next two years and should revisit and update the TIIR accordingly.

#### **B.** Voltage Regulation Agreements

The proposed TIIR incorporates the new reactive power capability in IEEE 1547. It does so by making the reactive power capability available to the utilities with no limits, allowing the utilities to require DERs to change their reactive power control modes upon utility request at any time. Section 5.2 of the TIIR states:

The Area EPS Operator shall notify the DER Operator when a change in reactive power control modes is required to address Area EPS operating needs. Any implementation of functions shall adhere to applicable agreements.

... When a communication channel exists from the Area EPS Operator's communication interface to the Local DER Communication Interface, the Area EPS Operator shall have the right to adjust the settings remotely in conformance with the Interconnection Agreement.

In certain scenarios, <sup>11</sup> control of DERs' voltage regulation settings may be beneficial for maintaining power quality, safety and reliability of the grid. However, the utility's changes to these settings may negatively affect the DER in terms of power production or ability to serve load. Some assurance that the DER customer is not unduly affected by the control is necessary. For example, the range or degree to which the utility can require changes in the voltage

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> For instance, where there is high penetration of DER and certain voltage regulation schemes on the distribution system. These conditions are not always created by the individual DER itself, alone or in aggregate with other DERs.

regulation setting should be limited in the operating agreement so as to not create too much economic uncertainty for the project owner and/or impose too much of a logistical burden where no communications exist. Interconnection applicants should be able to understand what exactly is being agreed to and what is required to comply. The Commission should ensure that utilities and stakeholders work to harmonize the language and structure of these considerations in the operating agreements to the extent possible.

### C. Reporting on Voltage Variations

The default activation of the volt-watt function in Section 5.4<sup>12</sup> of the TIIR raises the possibility that some customers' DER energy production could be curtailed enough to impact project economics. The volt-watt function triggers DER power reduction based on high voltage, regardless of the cause of the high voltage. However, due to the local nature of voltage, it is challenging to predict if or where DERs will be significantly impacted. Impacts can also change as distribution circuits change and/or utility voltage regulation practices change. Impacts could also be caused by poor installation practices.<sup>13</sup>

The draft TIIR directs DER operators to report voltage-related production concerns to the utility. In order to ascertain whether or not the volt-watt function is having a significant impact on customers, and whether utility voltage issues or DER issues are the cause, the Commission should require the utilities to report yearly (for a minimum of 5 years) on voltage-based energy production impacts reported by DER operators. Additionally, to determine that voltage is being well-maintained to the standards that DER are required to maintain, the Commission should

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> We note that the title of this section should be changed from "Voltage and Reactive Power Control" to "Voltage and Active Power Control."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Minimally, education of DER developers in this regard will be necessary to ensure consumers are not subject to sub-optimal installations.

require utilities to report on the voltage complaint process in general. To track whether developer negligence lead to DER caused voltage issues, the report could include information about systems that were deemed to be customer-side issues.

Possible elements of the report and a metric to determine maximum energy loss are given in Appendix B based on discussions in California as well as work done by NREL.<sup>14</sup> The recommendations for the metric are reliant on AMI voltage data, though inverter or DER-level data could be substituted. We recommend the Commission adopt a voltage reporting process, using Appendix B, in its order.

## IV. COMMUNICATIONS OPERATING AGREEMENTS NEED TO BE FURTHER DEFINED

Similar to the language in section 5.2 which provides the utilities with unfettered discretion regarding use of reactive power capabilities, the draft TIIR also leaves the requirements regarding communications to operating agreements without clear limits on their terms. Section 9.2 of the TIIR states: "Writing of information by the Area EPS Operator through the Local DER Communication Interface, shall follow agreements governing Area EPS Operator control of the DER operating state control modes and parameters."

While control of the DER's various settings may be beneficial for maintaining power quality, safety and reliability of the grid, the utility's changes to these settings may negatively affect the DER in terms of power production or ability to serve load. Some assurance that the DER customer is not unduly affected by the control is necessary. Interconnection applicants should be able to understand what exactly is being agreed to and what is required to comply. It

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> A. Hoke, P. Gotseff et al. NREL (May 9, 2019). *Estimating Customer Impact of Volt-Watt Using Only Smart Meter Voltage Data* [PowerPoint slides]. https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy19osti/74146.pdf

would have been strongly preferable to define these parameters in the TIIR, but due to time and resource constraints, it was not resolved by the Workgroup. IREC and Fresh Energy believe the Commission should make it a priority to ensure that utilities and stakeholders work to harmonize the language and structure of these considerations in the operating agreements. The potential for conflict will most likely arise when the IEEE 1547-2018 functions are actually in place and operational, which gives the parties until about mid-2021 to work on more concrete language for the operating agreements.

#### V. TIMELINE

While IEEE 1547-2018 was published in April of 2018, there are a number of additional steps that need to be taken before it is possible to require equipment using these new functionalities to be installed. In particular, IEEE 1547.1, which will guide manufacturers as they test and certify their procedures to the new IEEE 1547-2018 standard, is expected to be published in the first quarter of 2020. After it is published, Underwriters Laboratories (UL) will then update its certification standard for inverters, known as UL 1741 (it is expected that this can happen within a few weeks of the publication of 1547.1). After that, it will likely take roughly 18 months, or until mid-2021, for products to be readily available on the market that are certified to comply with the updated requirements.

Since the draft TIIR is proposing to utilize various different functionalities of these newly-certified devices, and they are not yet available on the market, it is necessary for the Commission to clearly define what requirements will go into place immediately upon adoption, and which will only go into place when the appropriate UL 1741 certified equipment is available on the market. Unfortunately this issue was not fully appreciated until the tail end of the Workgroup process and the TIIR was drafted without an express vision for what would be applicable immediately and what would need to wait until the newly certified equipment

becomes available. The Workgroup discussed this issue at its final meeting and developed the following language in Section 1.6 of the draft TIIR:

All requirements of the TIIR are immediately applicable unless requiring equipment that conforms with IEEE 1547-2018 advanced functionalities.

Area EPS Operators cannot require the use of certified equipment that meets the requirements of IEEE 1547-2018 until such time the equipment is readily available. At such time certified equipment first becomes available, the Area EPS Operator and DER Owner may mutually agree to utilize the certified equipment and functionalities in conformance with the requirements of IEEE 1547-2018. At such time when certified equipment is readily available, the entire TIIR shall be applicable.

While this language provides some clarity, ultimately it is overly vague on two important points and we recommend that the Commission craft more explicit direction.

First, it is not clear that everyone is likely to agree on what constitutes "readily available" or that interconnection customers will know when that threshold has supposedly been crossed. While we hope that this will not be a point of controversy, we recommend the Commission be more explicit by defining a concrete date. In particular, we recommend "readily available" be replaced with "three months after the UL 1741 future effective date." The future effective date is likely to be 18 months after UL 1741 is adopted, and adding three months provides a buffer which allows a little room for error. We believe this should provide sufficient time for manufacturers and sales channels to make the products available and reduce confusion about old equipment.

The second issue is admittedly more difficult to resolve. It is not necessarily clear to interconnection customers, or even utilities, which sections of the TIIR require "equipment that conforms with IEEE 1547-2018 advanced functionalities." This short description in the TIIR is an imperfect way of establishing the requirements that apply in the interim, and may confuse the reader as to what requires conforming equipment. For example, does the voltage regulation provision of 0.98 power factor take effect since equipment can today be certified for that

operation (even if it is not tested per 1547.1's constant power factor mode test procedure)? Ideally the following sections would only become applicable three months after the UL 1741 future effective date: sections 4 (Performance Categories), 5 (Reactive Power Capability and Voltage/Power Control Performance), 6 (Response to Abnormal Conditions), 9 (Interoperability), 12 (Enter Service and Synchronization)<sup>15</sup> and 14 (Test and Verification Requirements). However, if that approach is taken then the old Distributed Generation Interconnection Requirements would also not apply and there would be a gap in the Minnesota technical requirements for an extended period of time. At this point IREC and Fresh Energy do not have a clear recommendation for the Commission on how to resolve this issue. We are reaching out to parties to see if there is a clearer interim approach that could be developed and hope to be able to provide more detail in reply comments.

#### VI. CONCLUSION

IREC and Fresh Energy are proud to have been part of this first-ever effort to incorporate the new IEEE 1547-2018 standards into a state's technical requirements for interconnection. In order to ensure that the efforts of the Commission best serve the citizens of Minnesota and can act as a model for other states, we recommend the Commission adopt the TIIR as proposed, but consider the issues and changes recommended above to Section 1.6 regarding the timeline for implementation. In addition, we urge the Commission to recognize that while the TIIR is an admirable effort, it does not achieve the goal of establishing statewide technical requirements so long as the TSMs contain numerous important, and disparate, technical requirements. Therefore,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> The limits established in this section are different from IEEE Std 1547-2003 and could possibly be implemented, but may cause unnecessary confusion to do so.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Many of the concepts included in this section could be put to use immediately, but IEEE Std 1547-2018 specific concepts and requirements may need to be singled out for exclusion until full implementation with certified equipment.

the Commission should establish a process to ensure that the content of the TSMs is brought within the TIIR, as appropriate, in the near future.

We also ask the Commission to pay particular attention to the inadequacies of the energy storage technical requirements and to remedy those in the near future so that energy storage growth is not stymied in the state. Finally, the Commission should ensure that customers are protected and get the clarity they need as the voltage regulation and communication requirements in the TIIR are implemented.

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# ATTACHMENT A

## **REVISION REQUEST FORM**

For consideration in future revisions of the State of Minnesota Distributed Energy Resources Interconnection Process (MN DIP), Interconnection Agreement (MN DIA), and Technical Interconnection and Interoperability Requirements (TIIR)\*

*All sections of the Revision Request Form must be filled out to be considered.
Submitted by: Organization: Phone: Email:
Request to modify:   MN DIP MN DIA TIIR  Page number: Paragraph number:
Reason for Request:
Revision Urgency:   Medium High
Explanation of Urgency:
Proposed Revision (exact text required):
Consensus from stakeholders is not required to submit this form, but stakeholder conversations are strongly encouraged. Please provide a summary of stakeholder involvement and dialogue:

# ATTACHMENT B

#### **Reporting on Volt-watt Issues**

The following will be reported by the utility as required by the Minnesota PUC: Worst-case customer Maximum Energy Loss from voltage complaint process with DER with volt-watt activated:

- Time in hours when system is curtailing
  - Will exclude no/low production hours (e.g. 3pm 9am for PV since PV systems in the night will not curtail regardless of voltage)
- Sum of Maximum Energy Loss (kWh) over 1 year
- Average voltage when system is curtailing
- % of hours in Range A
- % of hours outside ANSI Range A

All customers from voltage complaint process with volt-watt activated:

- # of customers with Maximum Energy Loss ≤ 1% over 1 year
- # of customer in range: 1% < Maximum Energy loss ≤ 2% over 1 year
- # of customer with Maximum Energy loss >2% over 1 year
- % average of hours for all reporting customers in ANSI Range A

For customer-side issues:

- # customers reported (up to 20 per year to limit burden on the utility)
- # of customers with Maximum Energy Loss ≤ 1%
- # of customer with Maximum Energy Loss in range: 1% < Estimated Energy Loss ≤ 2%
- # of customer with Maximum Energy loss >2%

For all cases above, when a generating facility owner/operator provides loss information, the IOUs will compare the data provided with the Maximum Energy Loss estimation methodology and will report its results.

#### **Maximum Energy Loss Metric**

Without detailed irradiance and weather data, it is challenging to estimate potential power output of a PV system, and estimations for other DER would have specific challenges as well. An energy loss metric can show the maximum amount of possible energy loss, which assumes the PV or other DER would otherwise have been at full output power at the time the volt-watt function was triggered. This is useful to understand the possible impact of the function and whether or not the impact is "significant." From NREL's PowerPoint *Estimating Customer Impact of Volt-Watt Using Only Smart Meter Voltage Data:*Expressing it in math:

$$E_{curtailed} = P_{PV} \times t_{AMI} \times \sum_{v_{AMI}} max\left(\frac{v_{AMI} - 1.06}{1.1 - 1.06}, 0\right)$$

Ecurtailed is the maximum possible curtailment due to volt-watt, in kWh, over the time period of interest

P<sub>PV</sub> is the rated AC power of the PV system, in kW

tami is the period of the AMI measurements, in hours (so for 15-minute readings, tami is 0.25) vami is the set of AMI voltage readings for the time period between 9am and 3pm, in per unit (pu)

This method could be expanded to non-PV systems as needed.

### **Reporting Information for Voltage Complaint Process**

In addition to the above methodology for reporting DER-customer issues, reports will be filed by the utilities on the voltage complaint process. These reports will contain the following information:

- # complaints (DER and non-DER)
- Was complaint from customer or 3<sup>rd</sup> party
- Duration to resolve (days between complaint call and resolution)
- Utility or customer issue
- Method for resolving issue
  - Utility action (identify: tap change, replace secondary, transformer upgrade, VR settings adjustment, change capacitor type or settings, transfer customer, ...)
  - Customer issue action (coordinate with developer or inverter manufacturer)
  - DER functional settings change
  - No action (insignificant issue)
  - Utility resolved issues caused by other DER
  - "Contingent systems<sup>17</sup>" one of the above
  - "Contingent systems" no action required
- Cost of resolution
  - Utility: Cost to perform work
  - Customer: customer provided information

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> A "contingent system" is one where the DER operator accepted non-default regulation settings to avoid potential system upgrades identified in the interconnection process.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

#### Docket No. E-999/CI-16-521 and E-999/CI-01-1023

I, the undersigned, state that I am a citizen of the United States and am employed in the City and County of San Francisco; that I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and not a party to the within cause; and that my business address is 396 Hayes Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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on the parties in this action as follows:

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**BY ELECTRONIC FILING:** I caused a copy of the document(s) to be sent to the e-mail addresses of the persons designated as accepting electronic service on the Official Service List by using the eService feature of the eFiling application of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

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