

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: April 10, 2020

In the Matter of the Department of Commerce Working Group on Decommissioning of Wind and Solar Facilities

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Comment Period: Initial comment period closes May 8, 2020 at 4:30pm

Reply comment period closes May 22, 2020 at 4:30pm

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Issue: The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) is in receipt of the Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis's (EERA) filing *Recommendations on Review of Solar and Wind Decommissioning Plans* submitted on March 16, 2020. This document was submitted as Document ID [20203-161292-01](#).

In its review, EERA made recommendations about:

- How the information in a decommissioning plan should be submitted;
- Information to be included in a decommissioning plan;
- The decommissioning plan review procedures and a proposed review order.

Topics Open for Comment:

The Commission is seeking comments regarding EERA's *Recommendations on Review of Solar and Wind Decommissioning Plans*. Specifically the Commission is looking for input regarding these topics:

- Describe any concerns or suggestions about the proposed order and timeline for reviewing open wind and solar dockets.
- Describe any concerns or suggestions for procedures for reviewing decommissioning plans.
- Are there any other topics that should be addressed in a decommissioning plan?

Background: On March 8, 2017 the Commission issued an Order authorizing the creation of a Wind and Solar Decommissioning Workgroup (WSDW or Workgroup). The Workgroup was intended to gather stakeholder input on wind and solar decommissioning and decommissioning best practices for consideration in Commission site permits and in compliance monitoring. On August 31, 2018, the DOC EERA released [the Solar and Wind Decommissioning Working Group Report and](#)

[Recommendation](#) and following, on January 24, 2019, the DOC EERA provided its [Comments and Recommendation](#) to the Commission on the findings of the working group.

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