

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: June 7, 2021

In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Power for the Approval of Deferred Accounting Treatment for Approved EV Program Costs

PUC Docket Number: E-015/M-21-349

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes July 23, 2021 at 4:30pm

Reply comment period closes August 2, 2021 at 4:30pm

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

Issue: Should the Commission approve Minnesota Power's request for deferred accounting for its Electric Vehicle (EV) Portfolio?

Topics Open for Comment:

1. Should the Commission grant deferred accounting for the costs of Minnesota Power's EV Charging Rewards and EV Charging Rebate Program?
2. Should the Commission grant deferred accounting for Minnesota Power's annual dedicated education, outreach, and development budget?
3. Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Background

Minnesota Power on July 31, 2020 filed a petition in Docket E-015/M-20-638 and requested approval of a portfolio of electric vehicle (EV) programs, which included a residential EV Charging Rewards Pilot Program, a residential EV Charging Rebate Program, and a dedicated education, outreach, and development budget. The Company's original petition also included a request to establish a new EV rider to pay for program costs.

In its April 21, 2021 Order¹ the Commission approved Minnesota Power's EV programs, but denied its request to establish a new rider. In its April 21, 2021 Order, the Commission stated, "the

¹ Order Approving Proposals with Modifications, April 21, 2021, In the Matter of the Petition for Approval of Minnesota Power's Portfolio of Electric Vehicle Programs, Docket E-015/M-20-638

Commission will treat Minnesota Power's EV program cost recovery in a way that is consistent with other utilities' EV-related programs, which do not have dedicated rider funding. Minnesota Power is welcome to request deferred accounting for its EV program costs; if the Company does so, the Commission will consider the request on its merits at the appropriate time."

On May 21, 2021, Minnesota Power filed the present petition requesting deferred accounting for the EV programs approved in Docket 20-638. Minnesota Power stated in the petition that the company will not request to recover costs associated with this docket in its upcoming rate case, if the Commission grants the application for deferred accounting for its EV program costs.

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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Docket Number **E015/M-21-349**

Dated this 7th day of June, 2021

/s/ Chrishna Beard

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