



# Meeting on Standby Rates: Scoping for Generic Proceeding

Maplewood Public Library  
3025 Southlawn Drive, Maplewood, MN 55109

**Thursday, September 11, 2014, 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM**

## Meeting Objectives

- review standby rate purpose and structure
- address need and scope for a generic proceeding
- identify key issues for resolution

## Agenda

12:30	Background	Lise Trudeau, MN Dept of Commerce
12:45	Standby Rate Components	Carl Linvill, Regulatory Assistance Project
1:15	MN Standby Rates	Graeme Miller, Energy Resources Center
1:45	Design Considerations	Carl Linvill, Regulatory Assistance Project
2:30	Break	
2:45	Panel Discussion	Cummins, City of Mpls, LLS Resources, MN Power, OTP, Xcel
3:45	Group Discussion	Moderator: Matt Schuerger, MN Dept of Commerce
4:15	Wrap Up, next steps	Lise Trudeau, MN Dept of Commerce

**Comment Period**, Due October 1<sup>st</sup> (see topics for comments on page 2)

Comment Period, Due October 1<sup>st</sup> to [DG.Energy@state.mn.us](mailto:DG.Energy@state.mn.us)

Please provide feedback on whether a generic proceeding is needed to address<sup>1, 2</sup>:

1. the methodology for standby rates,
2. the appropriateness of existing standby rates,
3. when standby rates should be applied,
4. whether standby rates should be structured differently depending on the type of customer,
5. the terms and conditions for applying such rates,
  
6. the appropriate calculation and application of the grace period to standby service, including standby service for solar customers,
7. whether solar photovoltaic should be exempted from standby service charges, and
8. whether it is appropriate to offer a fixed ten-year contract at existing rates to support financing of solar projects.

<sup>1</sup> In its January 27, 2014 [Order Approving Tariff Amendments Governing Standby Service Charges for Net-Metered and Qualifying Facilities](#), in Docket E-017/M-13-609, et al., the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission directed the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources to engage in discussions with utilities and other stakeholders, including consideration of points 1-5 above, on the need and appropriate scope for a generic proceeding on standby rates.

<sup>2</sup> In its May 19, 2014, [Order Setting Final Solar Photovoltaic Standby Service Capacity Credit, Requiring Updates, and Requiring Compliance Filing](#), in Docket E-002/M-13-315, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission asked the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources to consider points 6-8 above in its scoping of the generic proceeding on standby service.