

## **Workshops Announcement**

### **Decoupling: Aligning Utility Incentives**

**Co-Sponsored by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and Minnesota Department of Commerce  
July 17 and July 31, 2013 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., PUC Large Hearing Room**

#### **July 17**

**Deputy Commissioner Grant** and **Commissioner Heydinger** kick off the educational workshop

**Richard Sedano**, Principal and USA Programs Director of the Regulatory Assistance Project, defines decoupling and describes how it is implemented

**Pamela Morgan**, a consultant and former Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Strategic Planning at Portland General Electric, who recently reviewed the rate impacts of all U.S. decoupling mechanisms, will describe how decoupling mechanisms have performed in the field

**Richard Sedano** facilitates a panel discussion that will show how different stakeholders have approached decoupling:

**Tim Woolf**, a Vice President at Synapse Energy Economics, considered and approved decoupling mechanisms in his former role as Commissioner at the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities

**Ric Gale**, now a consultant, was the Vice President of Regulatory Affairs at Idaho Power when the utility implemented decoupling in 2007

**Janine Migden-Ostrander**, Principal at the Regulatory Assistance Project, argued for decoupling in her former role as the Ohio Consumers' Counsel

**Deputy Commissioner Grant** and **Commissioner Heydinger** close the educational workshop

#### **July 31**

**Deputy Commissioner Grant** and **Commissioner Lange** recap the first workshop and kick off the second

**Dan Hansen**, Vice President at Christensen Associates discusses how decoupling mechanisms are designed and major findings of his reviews of decoupling mechanisms

**Jeff Daugherty**, CenterPoint Energy, describes the company's experience with their pilot decoupling mechanism

**Rich Sedano** facilitates a Q&A session on decoupling with **Ralph Cavanagh**, Senior Attorney and Co-Director of the Energy and Transportation Program at the Natural Resources Defense Council

**Deputy Commissioner Grant** and **Commissioner Lange** close the workshop and outline next steps