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STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON NORTHWESTERN WISCONSIN  
ELECTRIC COMPANY'S REQUEST TO DECREASE ITS RATES IN  
MINNESOTA**

*Issued: March 7, 2013*

**In the Matter of** Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company's 2013 Application for Authority to Change its Rates and Rules in Minnesota to Conform to its Rates and Rules in Wisconsin

**PUC Docket Number:** E-016/GR-13-167

**Comment Period:** Initial comment period closes April 5, 2013 at 4:30 pm.  
Reply comment period closes April 15, 2013 at 4:30 pm.

**Topics Open for Comment:**

- Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company's (NWEC's) request to decrease its rates, the adequacy and quality of NWEC's service, and any other related matter.

**Submit Public Comments:** E-mail to [PublicComments.PUC@state.mn.us](mailto:PublicComments.PUC@state.mn.us).

Persons without e-mail access may send by U.S. mail to Burl Haar, Executive Secretary, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul MN 55101-2147. Please include the Commission's docket number in all communications.

**Filing Requirements:** Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies are **required** to file documents using the Commission's electronic filing system (eFiling). All parties, participants and interested persons are encouraged to use eFiling.

**Case Background:** On March 5, 2013, Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company (NWEC) filed its application to decrease its rates with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). In its filing, NWEC requested permission to decrease its rates by \$430,000, or approximately 2%, per year. NWEC stated that it makes this request to changes its rate and rules so that its Minnesota rates and rules will conform to the Company's existing Wisconsin rates and rules. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, subd. 12a, NWEC qualifies for the small electric utility exemption from Minn. Stat. § 216B.16.

**Full Case Record:** All documents filed in this docket are available on the Commission's website at [www.puc.state.mn.us](http://www.puc.state.mn.us), select "Search eDockets," enter the year (08) and the docket number (1075), select "Search."

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