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MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO AMEND RULES GOVERNING COGENERATION AND SMALL POWER PRODUCTION

Notice of Proposed Rules

St Paul, MN – December 29, 2014 - The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission announced its intent to amend Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7835, to incorporate recent statutory changes affecting cogeneration and small power production.

The proposed rule amendments incorporate changes to *Minnesota Statutes*, section 216B.164, which increase the capacity limit of qualifying facilities interconnecting with a public utility. Under the changes, the capacity limit increases from *under 40 kilowatts* to *less than 1,000 kilowatts*. The proposed rule amendments incorporate this and other changes, including changes to filing and reporting requirements, conditions of service, compensation rates, interconnection guidelines, and the uniform statewide contract.

The Commission's Notice of Intent to Adopt the proposed rule amendments, along with the proposed rules, will be published in the December 29, 2014 *State Register*. All documents related to this proposed rulemaking are available on the Commission's website at <http://mn.gov/puc>.

Written comments on the proposed rules may be sent to Kate Kahlert, Commission Attorney, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place E, Suite 350, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147, by **4:30 p.m. February 4, 2015**. Written comments are most effective when you identify: (1) the specific proposed rule parts you are addressing; (2) your specific recommendation; and (3) the reason for your recommendation. Please refer to Docket Number **E-999/R-13-729** in your comments. If 25 or more persons submit a written request for a public hearing within the comment period, a hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 in the Commission's Large Hearing Room.

All documents, including the proposed rule amendments, are available on the Commission's website at <http://mn.gov/puc>. Select Search eDockets.

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