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Alliant Energy Proposes to Sell its Minnesota Electric System to Southern Minnesota Energy Cooperative (SMEC)

Alliant Energy (Interstate Power and Light Co.) proposes to sell its Minnesota electric distribution system to Southern Minnesota Energy Cooperative (SMEC). Alliant Energy and SMEC have asked the Commission to approve the sale.

SMEC is a partnership of twelve rural electric cooperatives currently providing electric service near Alliant Energy's Minnesota service area. The SMEC member cooperatives provide electric service collectively to approximately 135,000 members in Minnesota.

If the Commission approves the sale, Alliant Energy will no longer provide electric service in Minnesota. Alliant Energy's Minnesota customers will be transferred to SMEC and the respective electric cooperatives. **INSERT MEMBER COOPERATIVE NAME** would likely be your new electric service provider. This could change when the sale goes through.

Submit Comments

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission wants to hear from you.

Topics for Public Comment:

- Is the sale consistent with the public interest?
- The adequacy and quality of Alliant Energy's and SMEC's service and any differences in their service quality.
- Alliant Energy's and SMEC's rates and any differences in their rates.
- Any other related matter.

Comment Period: August 15, 2014 through September 19, 2014 at 4:30 pm

Submit Comments: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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Written comments are most effective when the following items are included:

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Important

Comments will be made available to the public via the Commission's website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The MPUC does not edit or delete personally identifying information from submissions.

Process Information

Before the sale can be completed, it must be approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

The Commission will review all the information in the record, including public comments. The Commission will schedule a meeting to make a final decision about the sale later this year.

Minnesota Statutes and Rules: This request is being reviewed under Minnesota Statute 216B.50 and Minnesota Rules Part 7825.1800, available at revisor.mn.gov.

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