

ET-7/RP-94-467 ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO INTERVENE

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of United Power Association's
1994 Biennial Resource Plan

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On June 24, 1994, United Power Association (United Power) filed its proposed resource plan pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.2422 and Minn. Rules, parts 7843.0100-.0600.

On October 8, 1994, Minnesotans for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ME3) filed a petition to intervene in the resource planning docket. ME3 stated that the organization and its members have expertise in the areas of energy service, renewable energy production, cogeneration, environmental protection, and the environmental impacts of energy use. If granted intervenor status, ME3 would focus on issues such as dispersed generation and other supply scenarios, renewable energy sources, demand-side management strategies, capacity retention, load management strategies, transmission and distribution, contingency planning, and environmental impacts and externalities.

No party commented on ME3's request to intervene in United Power's resource planning process.

On November 23, 1994, the matter came before the Commission for consideration.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that ME3 will provide useful expertise in the resource planning process. ME3 has experience as an intervenor in resource planning dockets and related proceedings. The organization will provide a useful perspective as the information on United Power's resource selection is developed. ME3's viewpoint and insights are not duplicative of other parties intervening in the resource plan.

The Commission will grant ME3's petition to intervene.

ORDER

1. The Commission grants ME3's October 8, 1994, request to intervene in the United Power resource planning docket.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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