

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Power for Approval of Rider for Distributed Generation Service and Rider for Standby Services

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ORDER APPROVING RIDER AND
STANDBY SERVICE

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On August 1, 2001, Minnesota Statutes § 216B.1611 became effective. Subdivision 2 of the statute directed the Commission to establish standards for terms under which an electric utility would interconnect with a customer’s plant that uses certain “clean” fuels to generate up to ten megawatts (MW) of power for use on-site by the customer, with any unused electricity sold to the utility. The statute refers to such plants as “distributed generation” (DG).

On September 28, 2004, the Commission issued its ORDER ESTABLISHING STANDARDS in Docket No. E-999/CI-01-2023, *In the Matter of Establishing Generic Standards for Utility Tariffs for Interconnection and Operation of Distributed Generation Facilities under Minnesota Laws 2001, Chapter 212*. The Commission directed retail electric public utilities to file tariffs consistent with the new standards.

On December 27, 2004, Minnesota Power filed a rider for distributed generation and a rider for standby service. Other parties filed comments and recommended changes to the riders.

On November 7, 2005, the Commission issued its ORDER APPROVING TARIFF RIDER AND RELATED DOCUMENTS. Minnesota Power was required to make tariff rider changes and to file revised tariff riders in compliance with the Commission’s modifications.

On January 31, 2006, Minnesota Power filed its revised tariff riders in compliance with the Commission’s order.

On June 8, 2006, the Commission met to consider the matter.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

After consideration, the Commission approves Minnesota Power's January 31, 2006, riders for distributed generation and standby service as filed.

ORDER

1. Minnesota Power's January 31, 2006, distributed generation and standby service riders are approved.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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