

NOTE: Utilities should have received an invitation to retire RECs in the CleanCounts (formerly M-RETS) dashboard under the program titled ‘Minnesota EETS 2025 Compliance,’ and if applicable, ‘Minnesota SES 2025 Compliance’ and ‘Minnesota SES Small Scale 2025 Compliance.’ For questions regarding the platform or invitations, please contact systemadmin@cleancounts.org. If your utility did not receive an invitation and you believe you should have, please contact Commission Staff.

Updates to Reporting Template: Commission Staff updated the reporting template to include questions on public utilities’ preparedness to comply with the Carbon-Free Standard (CFS), as directed by the Commission in its September 16, 2025 Order in Docket No. E-999/CI-23-151.⁶ Staff also included elements of the approved motion from the Commission’s January 15, 2026 Agenda Meeting in Docket No. E-999/CI-24-352. Staff sent this updated template to the Department of Commerce for review and will continue to update the CFS reporting template. Since the CFS tab is still in development, utilities should fill out this tab as able. Contact staff with questions.

Summary of all changes made to template:

- New CFS sheet, incorporating:
 - Reporting template for total CFS obligation calculation, include credit retirements (RECs, Alternative Energy Credits, and equivalent Environmental Attribute Credits) and eligible MWh from net market purchases and partially carbon-free facilities;
 - Reporting template for carbon-free facilities with and without life-cycle analysis;
 - Reporting template for partial carbon-free facilities;
 - Reporting template for net market purchases; and
 - Reporting template for CFS preparedness.
- Renamed tab “REO and GP REC Retirement” to “REO and GP Credit Retirement,” updated “REC” to “credit,” added CFS column.

Biennial Reporting: This year is a biennial reporting year. Worksheet 8 of the reporting template addresses the filing requirements for the biennial reporting obligation and is only included in years in which the biennial report requirement applies. Utilities are required to file this information pursuant to the Commission’s May 28, 2013 *Order Finding Utilities In Compliance With Minn. Stat. § 216b.1691 And Modifying Biennial Reporting Procedures*,⁷ in Docket No. E-999/M-12-958, and its December 6, 2023 *Order Clarifying Implementation of Changes to Minn. Stat. § 216B.1691 and Directing Additional Comment Period*⁸ in Docket No. E-999/CI-23-151.

⁶ <https://efiling.web.commerce.state.mn.us/documents/%7B20165499-0000-C210-8F2E-0C13DC153E0D%7D/download?contentSequence=0&rowIndex=41>

⁷ <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/edockets/searchDocuments.do?method=showPoup&documentId=%7B6B777982-DAEA-42F7-BD9A-D5DFE3CEC189%7d&documentTitle=20135-87456-03>

⁸ <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/documents/%7BF0ED408C-0000-C41E-916D-35E67056F047%7D/download?contentSequence=0&rowIndex=271>

Eligible Energy Technology Standard (EETS, formerly RES): Worksheet 2 addresses EETS compliance. In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 216B.1691, subd. 2a of REO statute, all electric utilities covered under Minn. Stat. § 216B.1691 must retire RECs representing **25%** of annual retail sales for calendar year 2025.⁹ RECs retired for EETS compliance must originate from eligible energy technology as defined by Minn. Stat. § 216B.1691, subd. 1.

Solar Energy Standard (SES): Worksheet 4 addresses the filing requirements for the SES reporting obligation the Commission’s January 29, 2021 Order and Attachment 1 in Docket No. E-999/M-20-464.¹⁰ Only public utilities subject to the SES subdivision need to report on SES compliance. Minn. Stat. § 216B.1691, subd. 2f requires a public utility to generate or procure enough solar energy to supply at least 1.5% of its retail electric sales in Minnesota with solar energy by the end of 2020. A carveout of at least 10% of the 1.5% solar requirement must come from solar photovoltaic devices with a capacity of 40-kilowatt (kW) or less. Public utilities with 50,000 to 200,000 retail electric customers may count individual customers’ community-solar garden subscriptions of 40 kW or less toward the 10% small-scale carveout.

Distributed Solar Energy Standard (DSES): Worksheet 5 addresses the public utilities’ DSES compliance. Please note, REC retirements for DSES compliance are not required until reporting year 2030. However, per the Commission’s June 26, 2024 Order in Docket No. E-002, E-015, E-017/CI-23-403,¹¹ public utilities are expected to provide DSES preparedness information beginning in 2025.

Carbon-Free Standard (CFS) Worksheet 6 addresses utilities’ CFS compliance. Please note, credit retirements for CFS compliance are not required until reporting year 2030. However, per the Commission’s September 16, 2025 Order in Docket No. E-999/CI-23-151,¹² utilities are expected to provide CFS preparedness information beginning in 2026.

REC shelf life: RECs and SRECs retired before the end of their Commission-designated shelf life (the year of generation plus four years) will be counted towards either the REO Standards *or* a utility’s Green Pricing Program.

Filing Requirements: Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies *are required* to efile documents using the Commission’s eFiling electronic filing system. All parties,

⁹ The Commission provided guidance on how utilities should measure compliance for the compliance years listed in the statute and for the years between those identified in statute through its March 19, 2010 Order in Docket No. E-999/CI-03-869:

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¹⁰ <https://efiling.web.commerce.state.mn.us/documents/%7BC0C04E77-0000-C63E-9C7E-A190FC9C73C2%7D/download>

¹¹ <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/documents/%7BF0BF5590-0000-CD1A-A82B-6CC537DEC1F3%7D/download?contentSequence=0&rowIndex=24>

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- City of Alvarado
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- City of Ceylon
- City of Dundee
- City of Eitzen
- City of Harmony
- City of Kasota
- City of Mabel
- City of Newfolden
- City of Nielsville
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- City of Round Lake
- City of Rushford
- City of Rushmore
- City of Shelly
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- Dairyland Power Cooperative
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- East River Electric Power Cooperative
- Great River Energy
- Heartland Power Cooperative
- L&O Power Cooperative
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