



# New Prague Utilities Commission

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**Bruce Reimers, General Manager**

## MEMORANDUM

TO: New Prague Utilities Commission  
FROM: Bruce Reimers, Utilities General Manager  
DATE: January 27, 2025  
SUBJECT: **Resolution Adopting the New Prague Utilities Commission's  
Distributed Energy Resource Interconnection Process and Average Retail Utility Energy Rate**

In 2018, the New Prague Utilities Commission (NPUC) adopted a Model Distributed Generation Policy and rule, and subsequently New Prague Utilities Commission submitted a Cogeneration and Small Power Production Tariff. This process was undertaken to comply with state statute and provide for local resolution dispute related to distributed generation.

On August 13, 2018, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) adopted an updated Interconnection Process for Distributed Energy Resources (the new name for Distributed Generation.) The Interconnection Process is part of the Cogeneration and Small Power Production Tariff. The main thrust of the order was to create three "tracks" for processing Distributed Energy Resource Interconnection requests and set specific timelines and fees.

The MPUC order requires that new policies and rules be adopted that conform with the new interconnection process. Attached are uniform documents that were developed by the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association that would meet this requirement. We are requesting the New Prague Utilities Commission formally adopt the new policy and rules.

Attached for adoption include:

- **SCHEDULE 1** – Calculation of the average retail utility energy rates
- **SCHEDULE 2** – The estimated average incremental energy costs by seasonal, peak, and off-peak periods and annual avoided capacity costs from Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency.

As required under the prior policy and rules, we will continue to file annually an updated Average Retail Energy Rate – Schedule 1, Average Incremental Cost – Schedule 2, a Qualifying Facilities Report and publish a Cogeneration and Small Power Generation notice to customers.

At the Commission Meeting, I will review the new Distributed Energy Resource Interconnection process and go through the required documents that will be available to customers.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

New Prague Utilities Commission review and approval of Resolution.