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Subject: Change in Location for October 23rd EAct-05 Workshop
Importance: High

The location of the **EAct Standards workshop** scheduled for Monday at 10 a.m. CDT has been **moved to the Pioneer Room** on the Ground floor of the Judicial Wing here in the state capitol. Thanks.

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Subject: Organizational Agenda for October 23rd EAct-05 Workshop

EAct Workshop Organization:

The October 23rd EAct workshop will be organized to discuss each of the five standards separately. The Commission will ask one of the regulated utilities to take the lead in providing initial discussion for each new PURPA standard then we will open up for discussion among all participants before moving to the next standard. This procedure should save time while still providing an opportunity for everyone to file more comprehensive written comments – now due October 19th.

For each of the new PURPA standards, the lead utility should discuss the PURPA requirement

and the utility's understanding of the standard, what the utility is doing to meet the standard/requirement, and the cost/benefits of available options. The lead utility should also provide a short summary of its written comments regarding that standard. Each lead utility's presentation should last between five and ten minutes.

What follows are lead utility assignments and a list of standard-specific questions for discussion during the workshop and in written comments. Please note that NARUC's PURPA manual is available on the web at:

http://www.naruc.org/associations/1773/files/PURPA_Manual_webversion.pdf.

Assignments and Standard-Specific Questions: Please let me know if any of the companies would like to exchange lead utility assignments.

Net Metering – Section 1251: Lead Utility: Xcel

- Is this standard already sufficiently in place under the Commission's existing rules requiring net metering for qualifying facilities with less than 100 kW of generating capacity?

Fuel Sources – Section 1251: Lead Utility: MDU

- What is each utility's current fuel source mix and how was it determined?

Efficiency – Section 1251: Lead Utility: Xcel

- What plans are in place to increase generation efficiency?
- What efficiency increases have been realized in the past 10 years?
- To what extent are generation efficiency improvements considered as part of integrated resource planning?
- To what extent do competitive pressures drive improvements in generator efficiency?
- Is ten years an appropriate planning horizon for improving generator efficiencies?
- Does locational marginal pricing encourage or discourage increased generation efficiency over a period of years?

Smart Metering – Section 1252: Lead Utility: MDU

- How does the utility see facilitating Real Time Pricing, Critical Peak Pricing and Time of Use pricing for each customer class. (NARUC PURPA Manual, Page 73)

Interconnection – Section 1254: Lead Utility: Otter Tail

- Please describe the interconnection process your utility follows and compare it with the NARUC model (NARUC PURPA Manual, page 94) and the FERC small generator interconnection rules.
- Have interconnection requirements been a reason for customers not choosing to interconnect?

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Subject: EAct-05 Workshop Comment Date Extended to October 19

Attached is a copy of the Commission's Order Opening Investigation and Notice of Workshop for consideration of the federal 2005 Energy Policy Act sections 1251 and 1252 standards. The workshop is scheduled for October 23rd, but the notice encouraged filing of written comments prior to October 6th. The purpose of this e-mail is to let you know that the comment date is being extended so that written comments are now encouraged to be filed on or before October 19th. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this proceeding or participation in the workshop. Thanks.

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