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# **Attend a virtual** public meeting

The PUC and an administrative law judge (ALJ) will hold virtual public meetings in May and you are invited to attend a meeting to learn more about Minnesota Power's IRP, ask questions and comment on the plan. You do not need to be represented by an attorney. To watch the video stream with audio, you must join by internet and phone. If a computer is unavailable, you can still access meeting audio by phone.

### **IMPORTANT** You must join a meeting by phone

to access the audio and ask questions or make comments during a meeting.

Accommodations: If any reasonable accommodation is needed for you to fully participate in these meetings (e.g., sign language or large print materials), contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 651-361-7000 (voice) or 651-361-7878 (TTY) at least one week before the meeting. Folks with hearing or speech impairment may call through their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service.

# **Notice of** public hearings

# **2021 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN FILING**

# Monday, May 17, 2021 | 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

with 30-minute break at 11:30 a.m. Meeting is for viewing a selection of recorded video comments only and may end earlier. Dial-In Phone Number: (866) 609-6127 | Conference ID: 3465835

Webex Event Number: 187 669 2852 | Webex Event Password: MnPUC!

## Monday, May 17, 2021 | 6 p.m.-9:15 p.m.

with 15-minute break at 7:30 p.m. Meeting may end earlier depending on the number of speakers.

Dial-In Phone Number: (866) 609-6127 | Conference ID: 8353478 Webex Event Number: 187 892 0951 | Webex Event Password: MnPUC!

# Tuesday, May 18, 2021 | 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

with 30-minute break at 11:30 a.m. Dial-In Phone Number: (866) 609-6127 | Conference ID: 8166396 Webex Event Number: 187 660 6904 | Webex Event Password: MnPUC!

## Tuesday, May 18, 2021 | 6 p.m.-9:15 p.m.

with 15-minute break at 7:30 p.m. Meeting may end earlier depending on the number of speakers.

Dial-In Phone Number: (866) 609-6127 | Conference ID: 5071969 Webex Event Number: 187 178 1087 | Webex Event Password: MnPUC!

## How to submit comments

You may submit comments to the PUC if you are unable to attend a public meeting or prefer to comment in writing or in a video. Both written and video comments are due by 4:30 p.m. Aug. 2, 2021. Reply comments are due by 4:30 p.m. Oct. 4. Comment periods may be extended if requested by official parties. Check http://www.mn.gov/puc for updates.

Your comment can discuss whatever you like but it would be helpful to have your insights on:

- Whether the PUC should approve, modify, or reject ٠
- Minnesota Power's IRP.
- Additional concerns or opinions related to the IRP.

Written Comments: Include your name, city, and state. Note that your comments are for Docket 21-33 and submit in one of the following ways:

- 1. Online: Visit <u>www.mn.gov/puc</u> and click on the comment icon for instructions. Then, click "Submit Comments" on the left tool bar to use the digital comment form. You can also print and mail a comment form to the PUC.
- Email: Email your comments to consumer.puc@state.mn.us. 2.
- eDockets: Use the Commission's eFiling system-go to www.mn.gov/puc and 3 select "eFiling."
- 4. U.S. mail: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 7th Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101

## Video Comments:

Public comments are encouraged as written submissions and "in-person" during virtual public meetings. However, if you prefer, you can record and submit a video comment using FlipGrid at https://flipgrid.com/c19c5000. It is free to use FlipGrid. Videos can be up to three minutes long and must include your name and the city and state where you live. All videos received by 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 10, will be reviewed by the administrative law judge.

A selection of videos representing the diversity of viewpoints presented in the videos received will be shown during the daytime meeting on Monday, May 17. All of the videos received will be available for viewing at https:// flipgrid.com/c19c5000.

## **Privacy:**

Comments will be made available to the public on the PUC's website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The PUC does not edit or delete personally identifying information from submissions.

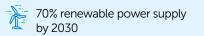
## **The IRP Process**

The PUC oversees the resource planning process for utilities and will approve, reject or change Minnesota Power's plan after hearing from stakeholders and the public. The PUC evaluates whether the IRP can (1) maintain or improve the adequacy and reliability of service, (2) keep customers' bills as low as possible, given regulatory and other constraints, (3) minimize adverse socioeconomic and environmental effects, (4) enhance the utility's ability to respond to changes affecting its operations, and (5) limit the risk of adverse effects on customers and the utility that the utility cannot control.

# IRP highlights

Minnesota Power submitted its 2021 Integrated Resource Plan to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) on Feb. 1. The IRP explains how the company plans to produce electricity for its customers for the next 15 years, and the Commission is gathering

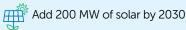
#### What Minnesota Power wants to achieve



- Reduce carbon emissions by 80% by 2035

### How Minnesota Power plans to do it

Add 200 MW of wind by 2025





Boswell Energy Center + Economic dispatch of Unit 3 in 2021

input on the plan from the public.

Achieve coal-free energy supply by 2035

- Retire Unit 3 by 2030
- Cease coal operation at Unit 4 by 2035

Minnesota Power is the first utility in the state to deliver 50% renewable energy to customers and recently announced its vision for delivering 100% carbon-free energy by 2050.

As Minnesota Power continues to provide safe and reliable energy and advance a sustainable transition to a less carbon-intense future, the company also will work with customers to conserve energy, promote distributed generation (such as personal solar panels) and electrification (such as EVs), and reduce demand for energy at times of the day when energy is most expensive and the greatest number of customers want to use energy (demand response).

More information on the resource planning process is at

#### For more information

Read the IRP at https://mnpower.com/Environment/ IntegratedResourcePlan2021 or by using eDockets, the PUC's online system. To use eDockets, go to http://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search. jsp enter "21" in the year field and "33" in the number field, click "Search" and a list of documents will appear.

Visit mnpower.com or contact the company by mail, email, or telephone:

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