

MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ASSOCIATION

Regional Meeting: Utility Rules, Rates and Contracts for Customer Solar and Wind

Dates & Locations

November 21, 2017

Owatonna Public Utilities
208 South Walnut Avenue
Owatonna, MN

December 14, 2017

Grand Rapids Area Library
140 NE 2nd Street
Grand Rapids, MN

January 4, 2018

Detroit Lakes Public Utility
Electric Department
1743 North Tower Road
Detroit Lakes, MN

January 18, 2018

Marshall Municipal Utilities
113 South 4th Street
Marshall, MN

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Municipal utilities can govern customer generation interconnections ONLY IF they officially adopt appropriate regulatory rules, rates and contract forms pursuant to state laws related to distributed generation (DG). Without the right procedures in place, municipal utilities are subject to DG regulatory interference by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC). As customers are increasingly interconnecting to the grid statewide, it is extremely important that each municipal utility adopt these regulatory tools and understand how they affect customer and utility rights and obligations.

MMUA, along with Star Energy, has developed a set of model rules with a contract template specifically for use by municipal utilities to affirm local control while following state law as required. At any one of four regional half-day training sessions hosted by MMUA, municipal utilities can receive the tools and knowledge they need to serve customers seeking to interconnect solar, wind and other generation.



Since 1983, state DG law has allowed for municipal utility governing bodies to implement its provisions in place of the MPUC upon local adoption of rules “consistent with” MPUC-promulgated rules. Many utilities have not adopted rules because customers have not shown an interest in wind or solar — yet. However, solar panel prices have fallen substantially in recent years AND federal tax subsidies that make them more affordable were renewed in 2016. Is your utility ready?

Even though a 2017 state law change eliminated a MPUC customer dispute resolution process for municipals and cooperatives, a municipal utility without its own rules in place still could be subject to control by the MPUC.

And utilities that have not yet adopted state law compliant rules or have an incomplete understanding of their utility’s role could find themselves discussing interconnection issues with customers or installers who have a better understanding than they do of a customer’s rights and the utility’s obligations. Every municipal electric utility should avoid this situation by attending one of these regional training sessions and bringing home its valuable materials.



Regional Meeting—Customer Solar & Wind

Speaker

Kristi Robinson, Senior Electrical Engineer with Star Energy Services, will lead the discussion. Kristi started her career in 2002 as a Distribution System Engineer at Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric. In late 2015, Kristi made the change to Star Energy Services. Her primary areas of responsibility include system planning, renewable policy and regulation, metering, integration of utility technologies, cost of service studies and operation management of Southern Minnesota Energy Cooperative.



Kristi conducted similar training in summer/fall this year for all of the state's cooperatives. After MMUA staff participated in one of those sessions, it was clear she should be the expert to take municipals through the process as well. MMUA's Bill Black will accompany Kristi during each session, but she will lead them.

Who Should Attend?

This event focuses on utility policy and state regulatory compliance and is intended for management and/or upper level operations personnel of ALL Minnesota municipal electric utilities and appropriate municipal power agency personnel.

Registration Fee

Members: \$125.00 per person

Non-Members: \$175.00 per person

Attendees must be from a municipal electric utility or power agency.

Fee includes: Tuition, materials, refreshments and lunch.

Refunds

A refund will be given on advance registrations if the MMUA office is notified by 4:30 pm on sign-up deadline noted by location below. A cancellation fee of \$25 will be charged. No refunds after the sign-up deadline.

Class Locations

The locations for this Regional Meeting are:

November 21, 2017

Owatonna Public Utilities
Morehouse Meeting Room
208 South Walnut Avenue
Owatonna, Minnesota
(Sign-up deadline Nov. 17)

December 14, 2017

Grand Rapids Area Library
Meeting Room
140 NE 2nd Street
Grand Rapids, Minnesota
(Sign-up deadline Dec. 1)

January 4, 2018

Detroit Lakes Public Utility
Electric Department
1743 North Tower Road
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota
(signup deadline Dec. 22)

January 18, 2018

Marshall Municipal Utilities
Board Room
113 South 4th Street
Marshall, Minnesota
(signup deadline Jan. 5)

**All sessions begin at 10:00 am and conclude at 2:00 pm.
Lunch will be provided.**

Questions

If you have any questions or problems with your registration, please contact Rita Kelly at MMUA for assistance. You can reach her by phone at 763.746.0707 or email rkelly@mmua.org.



Please check which date and Minnesota location you will attend:

___ **November 21 in Owatonna**
Owatonna Public Utilities
208 South Walnut Avenue
(Sign-up deadline Nov. 17)

___ **January 4 in Detroit Lakes**
Detroit Lakes Public Utility Electric Dept.
1743 North Tower Road
(Sign-up deadline Dec. 22)

___ **December 14 in Grand Rapids**
Grand Rapids Area Library
140 NE 2nd Street
(Sign-up deadline Dec. 1)

___ **January 18 in Marshall**
Marshall Municipal Utilities
113 South 4th Street
(Sign-up deadline Jan. 5)

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Attendee Information

Name : _____

Title : _____

Email : _____

Name (2) : _____

Title : _____

Email : _____

Name (3) : _____

Title : _____

Email : _____

Utility/Co. : _____

Address : _____

Main Contact : _____

Email : _____

Phone : _____

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\$125 on or before sign-up deadline

Non-Members:

\$175 on or before sign-up deadline

Total Due: \$ _____

Payment

Check Payable to MMUA

Bill Utility/Company

Purchase order _____

Credit Card

Visa

MasterCard

Discover

Name as it Appears on Card

Cardholder's Signature

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date

Card Code on Back

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PHOTOGRAPHS: By registering for this conference, I authorize Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA) to photograph me at this event and use such photographs in MMUA marketing pieces (both electronic and print). I understand that I will not be paid for giving this consent.

QUESTIONS: Please contact Rita Kelly by email rkelly@mmua.org or phone 763.746.0707.

Register online: www.mmua.org/events/calendar/month/2017-11-01 (scroll through calendar to desired date)

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