

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF STANDARDS UNDER

THE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY ACT OF 2007

To: All members of Nodak Electric Cooperative, Inc. (the “Cooperative”), the U.S. Secretary of Energy, and any affected electric utility.

The board of directors of the Cooperative, acting pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA), 18 U.S.C. § 2601 *et seq.*, as amended by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA 2007), Public Law No. 110-140, 121 Stat. 1492 (2007) (collectively called PURPA EISA 2007), passed a Resolution at its regular meeting on December 4, 2008, which provides that the Cooperative’s board of directors will formally consider the implementation of the following standards (hereinafter the “PURPA EISA Standards”):

- A. PURPA Standard 16 – Integrated Resource Planning (16 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(16), 121 Stat. 1665)**
- B. First PURPA Standard 17 – Rate Design Modifications to Promote Energy Efficiency Investments (16 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(17), 121 Stat. 1666)**
- C. Second PURPA Standard 17 –Smart Grid Information (16 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(17), 121 Stat. 1792)**

This Notice is provided for the purpose of informing you of the method by which the board of directors will consider the PURPA EISA Standards. You are informed that additional information, including the Resolution passed by the board of directors, may be obtained from the Cooperative’s website at www.nodakelectric.com or, in the event that internet access is not available, by contacting the Cooperative in the manner as stated below. The board of directors has reserved the right to provide additional formality including the establishment of a formal hearing in the event that it determines that a full and adequate record is not available upon which to base its determinations.

Pursuant to PURPA Section 2631(a), the Secretary of Energy, and affected electric utility subject to the regulatory authority of the cooperative, which might therefore be affected by precedents set in the proceeding, and any electric consumer of an affected electric utility, including any member of the Cooperative, may participate in the proceeding as a matter of right.

All interested participants will be given reasonable opportunity to present comments, data, views, arguments and other evidence in this project under the schedule set forth below. Timely received written comments will be posted on the Cooperative’s website

(www.nodakelectric.com) as soon as possible upon receipt and in as complete a fashion as practical.

Communication. All correspondence to and filings with the Cooperative concerning these proceedings must be addressed to:

Kim Soper, Board Recording Secretary
Nodak Electric Cooperative
ATTN: PURPA PROCEEDINGS
4000 32nd Avenue South
P.O. Box 13000
Grand Forks, ND 58201
(701) 746-4461

E-mail submissions may also be made, provided that they are submitted as.pdf files and directed to the attention of Kim Soper at ksoper@nodakelectric.com. All persons submitting by e-mail are asked to call Ms. Soper to confirm that their submissions were received.

Schedule. The proceeding shall be completed and a written determination issued by the board of directors no later than December 19, 2009. The board of directors approved the following timeline but also authorized the President and CEO to adjust the timeline as necessary to complete the record of the proceeding and the project in a timely and efficient manner. You are advised to check the Cooperative's website or to contact the Cooperative for any changes to the following schedule:

Submission of initial written comments from members and public: **April 1, 2009**

Posting and distribution of staff's proposed determination: **April 17, 2009**

Written reply comments concerning staff's proposed determination: **May 1, 2009**

Open house for board's initial consideration of staff's recommendation and receipt of verbal questions or comments from members and public concerning staff's recommendation: 9:00 a.m. **May 7, 2009**

Posting and distribution of staff's final recommendation: **May 22, 2009**

Board's meeting to consider final recommendation of staff: **June 9, 2009**

Dated at Grand Forks, North Dakota this 2nd day of January, 2009.