

Official Notice

NOTICE OF ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY ACT OF 2007

Sioux Valley Energy hereby gives public notice regarding the process it will follow in implementing the provisions of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA '07), which amended the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA). EISA '07 established four new Federal standards under Section 111(d) of PURPA that require certain utilities, including Sioux Valley Energy, to consider the following new PURPA standards:

1. Integrated Resource Planning

Each electric utility shall integrate energy efficiency resources into its plans, and adopt policies establishing cost-effective efficiency as a priority resource. Energy efficiency resources are obtained by providing incentives to retail consumers for the installation of energy efficient equipment.

2. Rate Design Modifications to Promote Energy Efficiency Investments

Each electric utility shall “align utility incentives with the delivery of cost-effective energy efficiency; and promote energy efficiency investments.”

3. Consideration of Smart Grid Investments

Each electric utility shall consider smart grid investments before permitting investments in non-advanced grid technologies. Smart Grid is the use of communication and modern computing to operate the electric power grid.

4. Smart Grid Information

All electric customers should be given direct access to information concerning time-based electricity prices in the wholesale market along with available retail rates. All customers should also have access to the data concerning the sources of power provided by the utility including greenhouse gas emissions associated with each type of generation.

Please note that Sioux Valley Energy is required to “consider” adopting these standards. There is no requirement to adopt the standards. However, the consideration and decision must be based on the evidence in the record developed for this consideration; and the rationale for the decision on each standard must be documented in writing.

Written Comments. Interested persons may submit written comments on the potential implementation of the above referenced standards on or before July 3, 2009 and such written comments will be made available to any interested party requesting a copy on or before July 10, 2009. Comments can be delivered in person or by U.S. mail to the Sioux Valley Energy office.

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Hearing. The hearing to consider any written comments submitted will be held by the Sioux Valley Energy Board of Directors on July 28, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cooperative’s headquarters.

Final Determination. Sioux Valley Energy’s Board of Directors will make a determination on the standards on or before December 19, 2009.

**Questions or comments should be directed to Edie Larsen, Executive Assistant
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