

Resolution for Local Clean Energy

WHEREAS, Agriculture and energy are integral to Minnesota's economic security that provide localized economic development, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota currently exports billions of dollars every year for energy produced in other states, and

WHEREAS, there are no considerations for economic value in the form of retention of energy dollars in local economy, jobs, land lease payments, local and state tax revenue, and other economic activity that happens through localized energy development versus interstate generation and transmission, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota legislature should direct all electric utilities providing service in Minnesota to develop economically viable distributed generation tariffs to facilitate local energy projects in compliance with federal PURPA law as described by "avoided cost", and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Public Utility Commission and the Department of Commerce shall develop a tariff that is economically viable, and based on a utility's system wide avoided cost, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minnesota state legislature will support the community-based development of Minnesota's renewable energy resources for rural economic development.