

NOTICE OF HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF STANDARDS UNDER
THE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY ACT OF 2007

Pursuant to amendments included in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (the "Act") to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 and 2006, the board of directors of Cass County Electric Cooperative Inc. (the "Cooperative") will hold a paper hearing on October 14, 2009 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the board room at 4100 32nd Ave. S. Fargo, ND 58104 to consider the following:

- 1) Whether the Cooperative will (i) integrate energy efficiency resources into utility and regional plans; (ii) adopt policies establishing cost-effective energy efficiency as a priority resource.
- 2) Whether the Cooperative will modify its rates consistent with standards set forth in the Act to (i) align utility incentives with the delivery of cost-effective energy efficiency; and (ii) promote energy efficiency investments.
- 3) Whether the Cooperative prior to investing in non-advanced grid technologies, consider an investment in qualified smart grid system based on appropriate factors including (i) total costs;(ii) cost-effectiveness; (iii) improved reliability; (iv) security; (v) system performance; and (vi) societal benefit.
- 4) Whether the Cooperative will provide its member/purchasers direct access, in written or electronic machine-readable form to (i) information on time-based electricity prices in the wholesale electricity market and time-based retail electric prices or rates available to the Cooperative member, (ii) the number of electricity units, expressed in kwh, purchased by the member, (iii) updates of information on prices and usage offered on not less than a daily basis, including hourly price and use information, where available, and day-ahead projection of such price information to the extent available, and (iv) written information provided annually on the sources of the power provided by the utility, to the extent it can be determined.

All members of the Cooperative, the U.S. Secretary of Energy, and affected utilities and their customers may participate and submit written comments for consideration of the board by delivering to the Cooperative at its address set forth below by the close of business on **August 14, 2009**, a written statement detailing their position relative to the adoption of one or more of the standards and their response to the written position of the Cooperative staff relative to all of the standards to be available on or before July 15, 2009. The procedural rules and other information relating to the proceedings and how to participate may be obtained on the Cooperative's web site at www.kwh.com or through a written request mailed to the following address:

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