



COOPERATIVE ENERGY FUTURES

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Katrina Kessler, Commissioner
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Subject: Cooperative Energy Futures Support of the State Minnesota's CPRG Coalition Proposal for Equitable Residential Decarbonization (Award Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Commissioner Kessler,

I write to affirm that we, Cooperative Energy Futures ("CEF"), plan to partner with the State of Minnesota and the City of Minneapolis to implement the suite of equitable residential decarbonization programs in your agency's proposal.

We anticipate participating in the proposed work through active engagement in developing and refining programming to effectively deliver on the purpose of ensuring low-income and disadvantaged communities are centered and prioritized in the work of decarbonizing all homes in Minnesota. At a minimum, this means we will:

- actively participate in the four annual convenings described in the proposal,
- share information and resources from state and local government into the communities we serve to build awareness about programs and home decarbonization opportunities,
- share information from the communities we serve to state program staff and relevant local government staff as part of program development and to improve programming and results over time.
- Contribute in specific ways that emerge out of the development of the proposed work and make sense for our organization.

Cooperative Energy Futures is excited to partner in this equitable residential decarbonization work because it aligns with our mission. Our mission is to empower communities across Minnesota to build energy democracy through solutions that are clean, local, and ours. In particular, our organization can offer connections to community partners, expertise regarding local generation of clean energy, and strategies for developing capital stacks to cover the upfront costs of energy upgrades.

We are excited to have this proposal moving forward as a coalition because we see the work of residential decarbonization working most effectively as a collaboration between state and local governments. Local governments connect more effectively with individual community members to move forward on individual implementation while state government can more effectively provide backbone support and programming to foster learning and scale impact.

We have worked with the City of Minneapolis, who is a coalition partner in the proposal. We have partnered with the City as a key implementer of solar projects for low-income households via the City's Green Cost Share Program and more recently as a contractual partner in implementing equitable efficiency, electrification, and clean energy across the City. We have also supported the City's climate equity work as an advisor by participating in stakeholder planning as part of the Minneapolis Clean Energy Partnership's Energy Vision Advisory Committee and through the stakeholder process for the City's 2023 Climate and Equity Plan. We are committed to continuing and growing this partnership through the work of implementing the CPRG proposal.

Sincerely

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