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**PROJECT SUMMARY**

**Announcement: DE-FOA-0000100**

**Activity Description: ARRA State Regulatory Assistance**

**Applicant:**

Public Utilities – Minnesota Commission of  
121 7th Place East, #350  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147

Date: August 28, 2009

Funding Request: \$883,060

Total Project Cost: \$883,060

Project Period: January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2011

Organization type: State Government Agency

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**Summary**

This program will create capacity on staff to engage in electricity system modernization in the long term and allow for regulatory support in the transformation of the electric grid, in coordination with other agencies in the State of Minnesota and the other States in the Midwest. It will facilitate timely consideration by the Public Utilities Commission of electricity-related dockets, notices of inquiry, utility plans, the siting of large electrical facilities, and other regulatory actions pertaining to the listed electricity-related topical areas. It will create three new full-time jobs for limited term of service electricity specialists for a period of two years and train 20 PUC staff in key emerging areas that will give regulators the information needed for effective and timely regulatory decision-making and streamline regulatory approval in modernizing and ensuring a reliable, affordable and environmentally sustainable electric system.