

**M/S/P** Magnus, Metz to support a resolution for a language change to the Minnesota PACE legislation that clarifies that funding sources besides bonds can be used to finance PACE. Roll call vote: Unanimously passed. RMEB March 25, 2013

**RESOLUTION #1-2013  
RURAL MINNESOTA ENERGY BOARD**

**Re: Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)**

WHEREAS, the Rural Minnesota Energy Board is a Joint Powers Board formed by agreement of 18 counties in rural Minnesota pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 471.59; and

WHEREAS, PACE enables local governments to create voluntary programs that will allow property owners to finance solar, other renewable energy, energy efficiency, and electric vehicle plug-in improvements to their homes or businesses through voluntary property assessments; and

WHEREAS, In April 2010, Minnesota enacted legislation (H.F. 2695) allowing cities (home-rule, charter or statutory), counties and towns to offer PACE financing programs that provide loans to local residents for energy conservation improvements, including certain renewable energy systems. ; and

WHEREAS, Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing allows property owners to borrow money to pay for energy improvements. The amount borrowed is typically repaid via a special assessment on the property over a period of years. Minnesota has authorized certain local governments to establish such programs, and

WHEREAS, implementing entities may use revenue bonds to initially fund a program; proceeds from loan repayments, in the form of special assessments on participating properties, will be used to service bond principal and interest. The special assessment runs with the property in the event ownership of the property changes during the term of the loan; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Regional Development Commission has secured grant and loan dollars to begin a pilot PACE Program in the Rural Minnesota Energy Board Counties

WHEREAS, current legislation Minnesota PACE legislation requires clarification on financing alternatives

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Rural Minnesota Energy Board supports clarification in the Minnesota PACE Legislation that allows other funding sources besides bonds to be used to finance a PACE program.

Dated: March 25, 2013.

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Chairman