

Action Plan: Cost of Energy

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Recommendation # 1. The state should require that industrial electric rates be based upon cost of service

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Recommendation # 2 The state should provide utilities and their customers the authority to offer a special tariff to energy intensive customers who are exposed to global competition and able to move production to other locations outside of MN.

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Acronyms:

Report: 2014 Report on the Competitiveness of Minnesota's Primary Forest Products Industry

MDNR: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

MFA: Minnesota Forestry Association

MFI: Minnesota Forest Industries

MFRC: Minnesota Forest Resources Council

MFRP: Minnesota Forest Resources Partnership

TNC: The Nature Conservancy

TPL: Trust for Public Land

UM: University of Minnesota

USFS: United States Forest Service

Note: This document highlights action steps. More details and background about the Report and its recommendations can be found on the MFRP Website: www.mnforestpartnership.com. You are encouraged to read the entire Report and its recommendations.