

## NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: August 27, 2018

### In the Matter of Solar\*Rewards Program and Community Solar Garden Program Tariff Updates

**PUC Docket Number(s):** E002/M-18-381

**Comment Period:** Initial supplemental comment period closes September 17, 2018 at 4:30pm  
Reply supplemental comment period closes September 27, 2018 at 4:30pm

*The Commission may determine that it will not consider comments received after the close of the comment period.*

**Issue:** Should the Commission approve the proposed tariff revisions to Solar\*Rewards and Solar\*Rewards Community Customer Contracts provided in Xcel Energy's August 14, 2018 Reply comments in this docket?

#### **Topic(s) Open for Comment:**

- Do the proposed tariff revisions in Xcel Energy's August 14, 2018 Reply comments comply with the revised Minn. Stat. §116C.7792?
- Did the 2018 legislative change to Minn. Stat. §116C.7792 establish an aggregate capacity limit of 40 kW for all solar systems or all solar systems receiving the Solar\*Rewards at a customer's premise?
- Is a customer allowed to bifurcate a portion of a solar system larger than 40 kW to qualify for Solar\*Rewards incentives?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

**Background:** On August 23, 2018, the Commission deferred a decision on Xcel Energy's proposed tariff revisions to the Solar\*Rewards and Solar\*Rewards Community Customer Contracts as proposed in the Company's August 14th Reply<sup>1</sup> to seek additional comment. Xcel Energy reported 134 Solar\*Reward applications for greater than 20 kW systems are in review process currently

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<sup>1</sup> Xcel Energy, Reply Comments (August 14, 2018), e-filed: [Document ID: 20188-145768-01](#)

and will require an update to the existing Solar\*Rewards contract which limits the solar system capacity to less than 20 kW.

On June 8, 2018, Xcel Energy filed proposed tariff updates for both the Solar\*Rewards Program (Docket No. E002/M-13-1015) and Community Solar Gardens Program (Docket No. E002/M-13-867) to comply with 2018 legislation ([Minn. Session Law Chapter 193, Section 1](#)) that, in part, revised Minn. Stat. §116C.7792.

The revision to Minn. Stat. §116C.7792 includes, but may not be limited to: 1) changes to the solar energy system(s) nameplate capacity eligible for a solar energy production incentive; 2) treatment of unspent program funds; 3) how eligible system size limit of less than 120% of a customer's annual energy consumption is considered in combination with additional distributed generation and community solar garden subscriptions; and 4) additional details about when and how commissioner of commerce approval occurs.

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