

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: *November 9, 2017*

In the Matter of the 2017 Minnesota Biennial Transmission Project Report

PUC Docket Number(s): E-999/M-17-377

Comment Period:

Comments on the completeness of the Biennial Report are due by November 21, 2017 at 4:30pm

Initial comments on the merits of the report are due by January 15, 2018 at 4:30pm

Reply comments are due by March 1, 2018 at 4:30pm

Comments received after comment period closes may not be considered

Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Is the Biennial Transmission Projects Report (Report) complete (that is, does it contain the required information as set out in MN Rule 7848.1300)?
[Note: Challenges to completeness must be received within 20 days of the initial filing.]
- Are there questions or concerns regarding the representations made in the Report?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Background: On November 1, 2017 the Minnesota Transmission Owners filed the 2017 Minnesota Biennial Transmission Projects Report with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The Report can be found on the web at www.minnelectrans.com.

- The Biennial Transmission Projects Report is required under Minn. Stat. § 216B.2425.
- The rules governing the review process are in Minnesota Rules Chapter 7848.
- Petitions to intervene will be accepted through January 15, 2018 at 4:30 pm
- The Commission is required to accept, reject, modify or require further action, by June 1, 2018.

Beginning with the 2015 Biennial Transmission Projects Report, Xcel Energy is required to file a biennial Grid Modernization Report and a Hosting Capacity Report. The Commission will solicit comments on Xcel's Distribution Grid Modernization Report and Hosting Capacity Report in two separate dockets; No. E002/M-17-776 and E002/M-17-777, respectively.

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