

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: May 20, 2019

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company, dba Xcel Energy, for Approval of Its Proposed Community Solar Garden Program

PUC Docket Number: E-002/M-13-867

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes June 20, 2019 at 4:30 pm
Reply comment period closes July 10, 2019 at 4:30 pm

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Issue: Should the Commission adopt Xcel Energy's proposal for an alternative method for calculating the Value of Solar (VOS) avoided distribution cost for the Company's Community Solar Garden program?

Topics Open for Comment:

- Does Xcel's proposal comply with Commission Order?
- Is the proposal sufficiently developed for Commission consideration?
- Does it yield accurate results that are fair and reasonable for all VOS stakeholders?

Background: On March 22, 2019, the Commission issued its *Order Approving Xcel's update to the 2019 System-Wide Value-of-Solar Tariff Rate with Modifications*, in the above-cited docket. Order Point 2, required the Minnesota Department of Commerce and Xcel Energy to solicit the opinions of stakeholders regarding Xcel's proposed alternative method for calculating the VOS's avoided distribution cost and to file a more fully developed proposal by May 1, 2019. On May 1, 2019, in response to Order Point 2, Xcel filed a proposal for an alternative method for calculating the VOS avoided distribution cost.

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