

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: March 3, 2016

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2016-2030 Integrated Resource Plan

PUC Docket Number/s: E002/RP-15-21

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes July 8, 2016 at 4:30pm

Reply comment period closes August 12, 2016 at 4:30pm

Comments must be received by 4:30pm on the close date

Comments received after comment period closes may not be considered

Project Background: In its October 2, 2015 reply comments in this docket, Xcel Energy (Xcel) introduced and outlined a revised proposal which included, among other things, a plan to cease coal-fired generation at Sherco 1 and 2, accelerate the Company's investment in renewable energy, and update its cost assessment of nuclear generation. In the Commission's January 6, 2016 Order, the Commission set the deadline for Xcel's Supplemental Filing for January 29, 2016. Upon submission, the Commission requested the Department of Commerce file a Letter within 30 days to assess the time needed for party comments and authorized the Executive Secretary to set a reply comment period thereafter. On February 29, 2016, the Department recommended the Commission establish **July 8, 2016** as the date for initial comments and **August 12, 2016** as the date for reply comments. These dates attempt to take into consideration the due dates for current contested cases.

Topics Open for Comment:

- Is Xcel Energy's Current Preferred Plan, proposed in its January 29, 2016 Supplement, in the public interest? If not, what alternative resource plan should the Commission approve?

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