

## NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: *December 15, 2017*

### In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of the 2019-2021 Triennial Nuclear Decommissioning Study and Assumptions

**PUC Docket Number(s):** E-002/M-17-828

**Comment Period:** Initial comment period closes June 1, 2018 at 4:30pm  
Reply comment period closes July 2, 2018 at 4:30pm

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**Issue:** Should the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's (Xcel's) Nuclear Decommissioning Study and Assumptions?

#### Topics Open for Comment:

- Does Xcel's triennial filing comply with Minnesota law, Commission rules and all previous Commission Orders regarding nuclear decommissioning?
- Pending decisions to be made in Xcel's 2019 IRP, should the annual nuclear decommissioning accrual be set at its current level?
- Should the annual end of life nuclear fuel accrual be reduced from \$2.4 million to \$2.0 million?
- Should future U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) settlement funds be held in an interest bearing account?
- Are Xcel's accrual assumptions reasonable?
- How does the Nuclear Decommissioning Trust's (NDT) results compare with various benchmarks?
- Any other issues or concerns related to this matter?

**Background:** On December 1, 2017, Xcel submitted its 2019-2021 Triennial Nuclear Plant Decommissioning Accrual Petition requesting that, until a decision is made in the Company's 2019 Integrated Resource Plan (2019 IRP), the annual nuclear decommissioning accrual remain at the current level of approximately \$14 million. Xcel has also proposed to reduce the annual end of life nuclear fuel accrual from approximately \$2.4 million to \$2 million.

Xcel has also proposed that, until final decisions are made in the 2019 IRP, all future DOE settlement funds be held, for potential allocation to the NDT, in an interest bearing account. On December 8, 2017, Xcel Energy submitted its Notice of Receipt of Eighth DOE Settlement Payment in the amount of approximately \$15.2 million.

Xcel is also requesting approval for changes in the NDT's investment transition assumptions and investment mix targets.

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