

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: January 4, 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: E002/M-13-867

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes February 4, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.
Reply comment period closes February 22, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.

Issue: Should the Commission approve Xcel Energy's proposed Section 9 tariff revisions to implement the Minnesota Distributed Energy Resource Interconnection Process and Agreement and to further clarify the Community Solar Garden (CSG) program?

Topics Open for Comment:

- Do Xcel Energy's proposed Section 9 CSG program tariff revisions adequately address the updated Minnesota Distributed Energy Resource Interconnection Process and Agreement (MN DIP/ MN DIA) as approved in the August 13, 2018 Order and updated in the November 30, 2018 Notice in E999/CI-16-521 ([November 30, 2018 Notice](#))?
- Are the proposed Section 9 CSG program tariff revisions beyond what is required by the MN DIP/MN DIA appropriate and necessary?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Background: On December 14, 2018, Xcel Energy filed a petition in the above-cited docket requesting the Commission approve proposed revisions to the Section 9 CSG program tariffs to implement the Minnesota Distributed Energy Resource Interconnection Process and Agreement (MN DIP/MN DIA) and to create further clarification of the CSG program.

Xcel requested that the Commission approve the proposed tariff changes and review the petition in parallel with the Company's separately filed petition in Docket No. E002/M-18-714 (see Notice of Comment Period in Docket No. E002/M-18-714).

The Company explained that it was planning to deploy IT system changes comprehensively, and therefore simultaneous consideration of all proposed changes would be most efficient. It also explained that the CSG provisions in Section 9 tariff are program specific and supplement the Company's general interconnection rules and requirements for distributed generation in the Section 10 tariff.

Xcel explained that the Section 9 CSG tariff will have significant changes in order to allow the MN DIP and MN DIA to apply to those CSG applications that will be subject to the MN DIP. Some tariff provisions remain unchanged, some current provisions will only apply to those applications that are not subject to the MN DIP, and some new provisions will only apply to those applications that are subject to the MN DIP. As proposed, the CSG tariff will have many interconnection process and interconnection requirements that will not apply to those applications that are subject to the MN DIP (submitted on or after June 17, 2019).

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