

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Issued: May 6, 2016

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

OAH Docket Number: 8-2500-33429

On May 19 and May 24, 2016, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) will hold two public hearings to take comments from the public on the following two issues:

- What steps could the Commission take to ensure that Community Solar Gardens (CSGs) are accessible to and benefit a broad cross-section of customers and customer classes?
- What steps could the Commission take to encourage developers to include low-income and minority subscribers in CSGs?

Project Background: On February 26, 2016, the Commission issued a notice seeking comments on a number of topics related to Xcel Energy's CSG program, including the two issues noted above. A large number of written comments were received and the Commission is now in the process of deciding how best to proceed. The perspectives of low-income and minority customers are important to the Commission. Therefore, it will hold two public hearings in May to hear from these customers. Organizations receiving this notice are encouraged to distribute it to their members and other interested persons.

Dates/Times/Locations:

**Thursday, May 19, 2016, St. Paul, 6:00 p.m. Wilder Center – Auditorium
451 Lexington Pkwy. N**

**Tuesday, May 24, 2016, Minneapolis, 6:00 p.m. Minneapolis Urban League
Glover Sudduth Center
Community Room
2100 Plymouth Avenue, North**

Submit Public Comments: Visit mn.gov/puc, select *Speak Up!*, find this docket, and add your comments to the discussion.

- *If you wish to include an exhibit, map or other attachment, please send your comments via U.S. Mail.*

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