

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON
XCEL'S 2017 BIENNIAL GRID MODERNIZATION REPORT**

Issued: *November 13, 2017*

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern State Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, for Approval of the 2017 Biennial Report – Distribution Grid Modernization

PUC Docket Number(s): **E002/M-17-776**

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes December 15, 2017 at 4:30pm
 Reply comment period closes January 5, 2018 at 4:30pm

Issue: Should the Commission accept the 2017 Biennial Report and certify the Fault Location, Isolation, and Service Restoration (FLISR) project?

Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Whether the Commission should certify Xcel's FLISR Project
- Whether the Commission should authorize Xcel to file a November 1, 2018 Biennial Report Filing
- Whether the Commission should authorize annual Grid Modernization and certification request reports (more frequently than statutorily required)
- Other issues or concerns related to this matter

Background: On November 1st, 2017, Xcel Energy filed a Petition for approval of its 2017 Biennial Grid Modernization Report and for certification of its FLISR project. Additionally, Xcel filed for approval of its Residential Time of Use (TOU) Rate Design Pilot Program (Docket No. E002/M-17-775) and its 2017 Hosting Capacity Report (Docket No. E002/M-17-777). These filings are intended to comply with Minn. Stat. § 216B.2425, subd. 2(e) and 8 (the Grid Modernization statute).

See Minn. Stat. §216B.16, subd. 7b for more information on the purpose of certification

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