

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: June 6, 2019

In the Matter of the Petition for approval of Northern States Power Company, dba Xcel Energy, of its Community Solar Garden Program

PUC Docket Number(s): E-002/M-13-867

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes **June 28, 2019 at 4:30pm**

Reply comment period closes **July 15, 2019 at 4:30pm**

Comments received after comment period closes may not be considered

On May 22, 2019, Nokomis Partners filed comments regarding a Community Solar Garden (CSG) dispute between Xcel Energy and Geronimo Energy (Geronimo) outside of a noticed comment period. This notice does not indicate that the Commission has accepted Nokomis Partners' filing. Instead, this notice provides an opportunity for other parties to provide comments in order to ensure that the Commission has a complete record on which to make a decision about the late filing.

Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Should the Commission consider the comments by Nokomis Partners filed outside of the tariffed timeline designated for a response to an appeal of a Department of Commerce decision on co-location?
- Does the Commission's decision in this matter have broad policy implications for all CSGs?
- Whether Nokomis has presented a reasonable basis for the Commission to deny the CSG appeal.

Background: On April 23, 2019, the Department of Commerce issued a Decision on Co-Location disputes regarding the Geronimo Snowdrop Project.

On April 30, 2019, Xcel Energy appealed a determination by the Department of Commerce which found the Geronimo Snowdrop Community Solar Garden to not be co-located with another CSG previously developed by Geronimo.

On May 14, 2019, Geronimo filed a response to that appeal. Xcel's Tariff Sheet No. 68.2, Section 4(e) states that responses to any appeal of a Department of Commerce decision on co-location are due 10 business days from the date of the filing of the appeal.

On May 22, 2019, Nokomis Partners, a third party to the dispute, filed comments outside of the tariffed timelines on the Snowdrop Projects Community Solar Garden decision and appeal, arguing that Xcel's appeal would revise the definition of co-location and have broad adverse impacts to Community Solar Garden developers.

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Submit Public Comments: Visit mn.gov/puc, select *Speak Up!* to 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.

Send U.S. Mail to Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul MN 55101. Please include the Commission's docket number in all communications.

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