

## NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIODS

Issued: November 17, 2017

### 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

**Comment Period:** Initial comment period closes January 24, 2018 at 4:30 pm  
Reply comment period closes February 15, 2018 at 4:30 pm

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**Issue:** On October 2, 2017, Xcel Energy (Xcel) filed its 2018 Value of Solar (VOS) calculation, including both a proposed system-wide VOS bill credit rate and nine separate location-specific VOS bill credit rates. On November 3, 2017, the Department of Commerce (Department) filed a letter in the docket indicating that Xcel's 2018 VOS compliance filing should receive broader review than the prescribed compliance review. Given the Department's letter and request for a more formal comment process, the Commission will broaden the review of Xcel's 2018 VOS compliance filing and seek comments on the filing from interested parties.

#### Topics Open for Comment:

- Did Xcel correctly implement the approved Department methodology for determining the updated system-wide VOS rate for 2018? If implementation of the system-wide methodology is correct, are the input values and subsequently calculated system-wide results correct?
- Did Xcel correctly implement the approved Department methodology for determining the newly required location-specific VOS rate? Is this newly applied location-specific VOS methodology appropriate? If implementation of the methodology is correct and appropriate, are the input values and subsequently calculated location-specific results correct and appropriate? If implementation of the location-specific methodology is either not correct or not appropriate, how could it be corrected and/or improved?
- Are there any reasons why Xcel's 2017 system-wide VOS rate should not remain in place until the Commission establishes new rates for 2018?

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