

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON XCEL ENERGY'S
2018 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM HOSTING CAPACITY STUDY**

Issued: November 20, 2018

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2018 Distribution System Hosting Capacity Study

PUC Docket Number(s): E002/M-18-684, M-18-251

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes February 28, 2018 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes March 28, 2019 at 4:30pm

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

Issue: Should the Commission accept or take some other action on Xcel Energy's 2018 Distribution System Hosting Capacity Study?

Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Does Xcel Energy's 2018 Hosting Capacity Study achieve the requirements outlined in the Commission's July 19, 2018 Order¹ and Minn. Stat. §216B.2425, subd. 8?
- Does the Hosting Capacity Study adequately address stakeholder recommendations², or what modifications or clarifications are needed?
- Should the Hosting Capacity Study continue to be filed independently from the statute-required Biennial Grid Modernization Report or Integrated Distribution Plan in years in which they are required to be filed?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Background: On November 1, 2018, Xcel Energy filed the Company's [2018 Hosting Capacity Study](#) and [Attachment A](#)³ per [Minn. Stat. §216B.2425](#) and as required by the Commission's [July 19, 2018 Order in Docket No. E002/M-17-777](#) (Xcel Energy's 2017 Hosting Capacity Study.)

¹ MN PUC ORDER ACCEPTING STUDY AND SETTING FURTHER REQUIREMENTS (July 19, 2018), Docket No. E002/17-777

² *IBID*, Order point 7, p. 5.

³ Xcel Energy, Initial Filing-Hosting Capacity Report and Attachment A (November 1, 2018), Docket No. E002/18-684

Minn. Stat. 216B.2425, Subd. 8 states the Company "shall file the [Hosting Capacity] study in its [Biennial Transmission and Distribution or Grid Modernization] report required under Subd. 2." The Commission in its July 19, 2018 Order has allowed the study and report to be filed separately.⁴

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⁴ *IBID*, Order point 8, p. 5.