

## NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: January 25, 2019

**In the Matter of the Petition by Northern States Power Company, d.b.a. Xcel Energy, for Approval of Contracts and Ratemaking Treatment for Provision of Electric Service to Google's Data Center Project**

**PUC Docket Number: E002/M-19-39**

**Comment Period:** Initial comment period closes February 15, 2019 at 4:30pm  
Reply comment period closes March 4, 2019 at 4:30pm

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**Background:** Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, has negotiated several agreements with affiliates of Google LLC that are intended to help bring a new Google data center project to central Minnesota. The project would be located on property adjacent to Xcel's Sherco generating facilities. The agreements are composed of: (1) electric service at a negotiated rate; (2) renewable energy sourcing; and (3) transmission voltage interconnection and construction. The service agreements have an initial term of ten years.

Xcel asks that the Commission approve three separate contracts it has signed with Google affiliates:

- A Retail Electric Service Agreement (ESA);
- The Competitive Rate Response Rider (CRR) Agreement; and
- The Interconnection Agreement for Retail Electric Service at Transmission Voltage (IA).

In addition to the approval of these agreements, Xcel requests Commission approval of its renewable sourcing plan, proposed cost recovery mechanism, requested ratemaking treatment, and the CRR Tariff amendments.

### Topics Open for Comment:

- Is Xcel's overall proposal in the public interest?
- Should the Commission approve the ESA, CRR Agreement, and IA?
- Should the Commission approve Xcel's requested ratemaking treatments and amendments to the CRR Tariff?
- Should the Commission approve the renewable sourcing plan?

- Are there other issues or actions the Commission should consider?

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