

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: January 4, 2019

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Tariff Revisions Updating Interconnection Standards for Distributed Generation Facilities Established under Minn. Stat. §216B.1611

PUC Docket Number(s): E002/M-18-714

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes February 4, 2019 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes February 22, 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 approve Xcel Energy's proposed tariff revisions to implement the Minnesota Distributed Energy Resource Interconnection Process and Agreement?

Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Do Xcel Energy's proposed tariff revisions adequately address the updated Minnesota Distributed Energy Resource Interconnection Process and Agreement (MN DIP/ MN DIA) approved in the [August 13, 2018 Order](#) and updated in the [November 30, 2018 Notice](#) in E999/CI-16-521?
- Are proposed tariff revisions beyond what is required by the MN DIP/MN DIA appropriate and necessary?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Background: On December 14, 2018, Xcel Energy filed an initial petition requesting the Commission approve the proposed tariff revisions to implement the Minnesota Distributed Energy Resource Interconnection Process and Agreement (MN DIP/MN DIA) and for consistency with [Commission's May 22, 2017 Order](#) approving revisions to the [Company's Section 9 Cogeneration tariff](#)¹ in E002/M-16-222.

¹ Xcel Energy, Section 9 Cogeneration, online ratebook

On August 13, 2018, the Commission approved a near-final version of the MN DIP and MN DIA and directed the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Distributed Generation Workgroup to address several outstanding issues.

On November 30, 2018, the Commission filed Notice of an updated MN DIP and MN DIA (version 2.3) with the outstanding issues resolved. The Commission will consider finalizing this version of the MN DIP and MN DIA along with the approval of the utility tariff filings.

The MN DIP and MN DIA are set to go into effect on June 17, 2019 as statewide interconnection standards for distributed energy resources (generation and storage) under 10 MW and operated in parallel with the utility distribution grid. Per Minn. Stat. §216B.1611, the Commission must approve or approve with modification the public utilities' tariffs consistent with the statewide interconnection standards. Municipal and Cooperative utilities shall adopt tariffs that address the issues in the Commission's statewide interconnection standards.

An associated Notices of Comment on additional proposed tariff revisions has been filed concurrently in Docket Nos. E002/M-13-867 (Community Solar Gardens); as well as, an Informational Notice on Process in E002/M-13-1015 (Solar*Rewards). Please clearly mark your comments for the appropriate docket and tariff revisions.

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