

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON
XCEL'S 2017 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM HOSTING CAPACITY REPORT**

Issued: *November 15, 2017*

In the Matter of the Submittal of Northern State Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, of the 2017 Distribution System/Hosting Capacity Study

PUC Docket Number(s): **E002/M-17-777**

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes February 2, 2018 at 4:30pm
 Reply comment period closes February 28, 2018 at 4:30pm

Issue: Should the Commission accept (or take some other action) on Xcel Energy's 2017 Hosting Capacity Study?

Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Are there questions about the foundational elements or assumptions used in Xcel's hosting capacity report?
- Are there areas of improvement or modification that would make future hosting capacity reports more useful?
- Other issues or concerns related to this matter

Background: On November 1st, 2017, Xcel Energy filed its 2017 Distribution System Hosting Capacity Report as required to comply with Minn. Stat. § 216B.2425, subd. 8 (the Grid Modernization statute). Additionally, Xcel filed for approval of its Residential Time of Use (TOU) Rate Design Pilot Program (Docket No. E002/M-17-775) and its 2017 Biennial Distribution System Report (Docket No. E002/M-17-776). Per Statute, the Hosting Capacity Report does not require Commission authorization or approval.

The Commission has received an award of support from the Department of Energy (DOE) to assist in its review of the 2017 Distribution System Hosting Capacity Report. The Commission's work with the DOE is anticipated to be completed in January 2018, with the above comment periods to follow.

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