

NOTICE REQUESTING SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS

Issued: August 20, 2019

In the Matter of Northern States Power Company's d.b.a. Xcel Energy Petition for Approval of the Acquisition of the Mankato Energy Center (MEC)

PUC Docket Numbers: IP-6949, E-002/PA-18-702

Comment Period: Supplemental comment period closes August 30, 2019 at 4:30pm

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

The Commission will not grant extensions of the time period.

Issue: What legal requirements apply and what actions would Xcel be required to take before an Xcel affiliate could purchase the Mankato Energy Center (MEC) and assume the PPA to provide power to Xcel's regulated operations? Is prior Commission approval of an affiliated interest agreement required?

Background: On August 1, 2019, Xcel Energy (Xcel) filed a letter notifying the Commission of the Company's intention to move forward with the transaction through an unregulated subsidiary should the Petition be denied. According to Xcel, "if the Commission determines that it does not want MEC as a regulated asset under NSP's ownership, then, alternatively, an unregulated affiliate of the Company will take it." The purpose of this Notice is to allow an opportunity for parties to comment on the singular issue of legal concerns with Xcel moving forward with the transaction if its Petition is denied.

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