

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: March 13, 2019

In the Matter of a Formal Complaint Against Xcel Energy by SunShare, LLC, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.17

PUC Docket Number: E-002/M-19-203

Comment Period: Xcel Response to Complaint period closes March 20, 2019 at 4:30 pm
Reply comment period closes March 28, 2019 at 4:30 pm

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Issue: On March 5, 2019, SunShare, LLC filed a Complaint and Petition for Expedited Relief against Xcel Energy. The Complaint pertains to SunShare's proposed development of three co-located 1 MW Community Solar Gardens (CSGs) in Lester Prairie, McLeod County, Minnesota, designated the Schiller Project. SunShare alleges that Xcel repeatedly failed to conduct proper engineering studies for the Schiller Project, and unilaterally terminated it from the Company's interconnection queue.

Topics open for comment:

- Does the Commission have jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Complaint?
- Is it in the public interest for the Commission to investigate these allegations upon its own motion?
- If the Commission chooses to investigate the Complaint, what procedures should be used to do so?

Background: In April 2018, SunShare commenced an Independent Engineer (IE) review of the Schiller Project, under Xcel's Section 9, CSG Tariffs. However, Xcel indicated that IE review was impossible because the Project was no longer in the queue. For this reason, SunShare believes it has no other remedy than to file the instant Complaint.

In addition, SunShare maintained that expedited review and relief is warranted for this dispute. It therefore requested that the Commission vary its rules and issue an immediate order requiring Xcel to provide a response to the Complaint within ten business days.

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