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**Burl W. Harr
Public Utilities Commission
State of Minnesota
PUC Docket Number: E-002/M-13-315**

RE: Rate for Large Solar Photovoltaic Installation

Dear Mr. Haar,

I am a stakeholder in the Solar PV industry in Minnesota and would like to offer my thoughts regarding the above referenced filing.

The Capacity Credit has been in the development stage since 2010 and was just recently put into effect on June 1, 2013. Since that time it has become an important factor in deploying solar PV in Xcel Energy territory and crucial to our business and the creation of clean energy jobs throughout the region. It has allowed us to increase the system size to 60 kW and larger which more effectively serves our client base – Minnesota industries. I believe that there is some confusion with the Value of Solar Tariff (VOST) and fear that it will be lumped together with the Capacity Credit thereby diluting the effectiveness of the Capacity Credit.

I also believe that the current rate of \$5.15 per kW per month does not take into account several factors that actually reduce the cost of electricity generation for Xcel Energy. In fact, the SRRG supports a rate of \$8.35 /kW/mo which I believe will more quickly advance the deployment of large scale solar PV installation thereby guaranteeing a substantial increase in the amount of renewable energy available to the citizens of Minnesota who are demanding it.

It is vital that we implement the Capacity Credit in final form, as originally established by the Commission, by January 1, 2014 and not allow any delay for Xcel. The stability of this growing industry, which is one of the few that are creating long term employment in Minnesota, depends on a final rate for solar by years end.

Finally, the SREC ownership is an important concern since they will likely have a much greater value as time goes by and allows a system owner to recognize their value on his/her schedule. The SREC market is a dynamic market that will continue to grow in the coming years and provide additional incentive for renewable energy deployment. We owe this to our succeeding generations not to leave any additional environmental catastrophes that have devastated the climate and the earth we live on.

Thank you for your consideration

Regards,

Michael Kampmeyer