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From: Dennis Tarning [<mailto:dterning@hotmail.com>]
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To: Trudeau, Lise (COMM)
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Subject: Re: Net Metering

Lisa and the Public Utility Commission,

I currently am out-of-state and will not be able to attend your meeting on Thursday, April 9. If possible, representatives from Blue Horizon Energy will be there to represent me. I realize that my solar project is the first of its kind in the state of Minnesota. I was influenced to move forward with the project based on the statutes the Minnesota Legislature passed into 2013.

My understanding was, I enter into a net metering agreement with Xcel Energy. At that point, my solar array would be hooked up directly to the Xcel Energy grid via a bidirectional meter. In the event of my array producing more energy in a given month than I consume, I would then receive kilowatt hour credits on my next bill. That process would continue from month to month depending on my overall usage and the performance of the solar array.

I do not agree with any notion that I should receive \$.035 to \$.045 per kilowatt, and later in the calendar year pay \$.12 or more per kilowatt for the power I'm using beyond the output of my solar array. I also feel the PUC would need to address if public utilities want to still charge a fuel tax or any other fees associated with the kilowatt hours produced by a solar array.

Secondly, If I understand the statute correctly, my system qualifies for a \$5.15 solar capacity credit payment per installed kilowatt capacity on a monthly basis.

The final item that I want to have clarified is, I plan to exercise my right to add an aggregate meter to this system as well. This meter is contiguous to the property where the bidirectional meter and solar array is located. It is simply a separate service on our farm/seed company, which is single phase.

I will be the first to admit that I do not completely understand the complex nature of an Xcel Energy electric bill. However, people like myself that invest a large amount of money in a solar array, should be treated fairly when it comes to compensation for that clean energy investment.

If anyone has a specific question for me, do not hesitate to call me at 612-709-5401.

Thank you very much for your time,

Dennis Tarning