

## NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

*Issued: December 4, 2015*

### **In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Approval of a Mercury Emissions Reduction Plan for the Allen S. King Generating Facility**

**PUC Docket Number/s:** E-002/M-07-1602

**Comment Period:** Initial comment period closes January 4, 2016 at 4:30pm  
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#### **Topic/s Open for Comment:**

- Should the Commission discontinue the reporting requirement and grant Xcel's request to close this Docket?

**Project Background:** On December 21, 2007, Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel or the Company) filed with this commission and with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency a mercury emissions reduction plan under the Mercury Emissions Reduction Act of 2006 for its Allen S. King generating facility.

On November 6, 2008, the Commission issued an Order Approving Mercury Emissions Reduction Plan, Requiring Implementation, Requiring Optimization of Equipment, and Requiring Annual Reporting (the "Order"). In part, the Order required Xcel to report annually to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on its optimization efforts under the Order, and on their results, until such time as the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency determines that this reporting is no longer necessary.

On November 23, 2015, Xcel filed its annual update and noted that the MPCA has incorporated mercury permit limitations into the King plant permit. Xcel stated that it believes no further action is needed on the part of the Commission and requested that the King docket be closed.

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