

Appendix A – Notice of Intent to File Site Permit Application



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May 22, 2025

Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

—Via Electronic Filing—

RE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT A SITE PERMIT APPLICATION UNDER THE
ALTERNATIVE PERMITTING PROCESS
BLUE LAKE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM
DOCKET NOS. E002/ESS-25-214, E002/M-24-230

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits this Notice to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) that the Company plans to file an application for a Site Permit for the up to 135.5 megawatt Blue Lake Battery Energy Storage Project (Project) in Scott County, Minnesota. The Project is eligible for the alternative permitting process provided for under Minn. Stat. § 216E.04 and Minn. R. 7850.2800 to 7850.3900 for an energy storage system with a nameplate capacity of 10,000 kilowatts or more of energy storage capabilities, as provided in Minn. Stat. § 216E.01, subd. 3a.

This project is part of the Company's self-build proposal in its 2024 Wind, Solar, and Storage Request for Proposals (2024 NSP RFP) initiated in June 2024 in Docket No. E002/M-24-230.¹ The Company submitted a letter outlining its self-build bid in a letter dated September 25, 2024 in the same docket. This Blue Lake Battery Energy Storage Project was one of three projects that comprise the Company's self-build proposal. We recognize that the Company has not proposed, and thus the Commission has not yet approved, a set of projects to meet the identified need for the 2024 NSP RFP. However, for this Project to remain on the schedule, it is necessary to initiate the site permit process.

In accordance with Minn. R. 7850.2800, subp. 2, this letter serves as notice to the Commission that Xcel Energy intends to submit a Site Permit Application under the

¹ See Xcel Energy Informational Compliance Filing (June 21, 2024).

alternative permitting procedures of Minn. R. 7850.2800 to 7850.3900. Xcel Energy intends to submit the Site Permit Application to the Commission in June of 2025.

We have electronically filed this document with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, and copies have been served on the parties on the attached service lists. Please contact me at jody.l.londo@xcelenergy.com or (612) 216-7954 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jody Londo

JODY LONDO
DIRECTOR, REGULATORY AND STRATEGIC ANALYSIS

Enclosures
cc: Service Lists