

September 4, 2025

Mike Bull
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147

RE: Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce
Docket No. E002, E290-SA-25-315

Dear Mr. Bull:

Attached are the comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) in the following matter:

*In the Matter of the Joint Request of Northern State Power Company and
Owatonna Public Utilities to Modify Electric Service Territory Boundaries*

The Petition was filed by Northern States Power Company, DBA Xcel Energy, on 8/7/2025.

The filing constitutes a joint request on behalf Xcel Energy (Xcel) and Owatonna Public Utilities (OPU), (collectively the Parties) to update the official service territory map to reflect an agreed-upon permanent boundary change affecting one residential and six commercial customers within the city of Owatonna and within the electric service territory assigned to the Xcel Energy. The proposed change, if approved, will transfer electric service territory from Xcel Energy to Owatonna Public Utilities.

The Department recommends the Commission approve the joint request for the agreed-upon permanent boundary change from Xcel Energy to Owatonna Public Utilities and requests MNGEO update the service territory map, to reflect the changes on the map as provided. The Department is available to answer any questions the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission may have.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sydnie Lieb, Ph.D.
Assistant Commissioner of Regulatory Analysis

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Attachment



Before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

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CHECKLIST FOR PROCESSING AGREED UPON SERVICE AREA TRANSFERS AND EXCEPTIONS

- ☒ A cover letter with the submitter's full contact information, including where to provide electronic service.
- ☒ A joint letter explaining the change.
 - ☒ Contact information for both utilities: Name, title, phone number, work address, email. Pages i and ii of the Joint Request.
 - ☒ Contact information, including email address, of the individuals who will update the electronic service territory map. Pages i and ii of the Joint Request.
 - ☒ Legal description of the property. Schedule A of the Joint Request pages 2 to 5.
 - ☒ Short explanation of why the agreement is consistent with Minn. Stat. § 216B.39. Page 1 of the Joint Request.

Filing is related to:

- ☒ Several permanent boundary changes, or
- ☐ Service by exception. The parties agree the limited right to serve by exception does not convey permanent rights to serve the exception area.
- ☒ Settlement Agreement, if applicable.
 - ☒ If yes, signed by authorized representatives of both utilities. Schedule A of the Joint Request.
- ☒ A digital (PDF) map with the proposed transfer or exception clearly outlined. Schedule A of the Joint Request pages 9 to 10.
- ☐ Transfer or exception takes place on one of the Federally Recognized Tribal Nations in Minnesota. N/A
 - ☐ If yes, utility documented consultation with the affected Tribal Nation at page ____.
- ☒ Affected customers received written notice, including utility and Commission contact information. Schedule B of the Joint Request.