

September 9, 2021

William Seuffert  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7th Place East, Suite 350  
Saint Paul, MN 55101

RE: Docket No 20-815 In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Renewable Energy Standard Rider

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Xcel Energy ("Xcel" or "the Company") CRP plan.

The City of Minneapolis ("Minneapolis") has established an ambitious and necessary community-wide renewable electricity goal on behalf of our residents and businesses. This goal – 100% renewable electricity by 2030 – necessarily builds upon the laudable efforts of Xcel Energy to generate a significant share of electricity consumed from renewable resources. To reach the 100% goal, our recently released [Blueprint](#) envisions a grid mix of 60% utility-scale renewable electricity by 2030, with the remaining 40% coming from distributed rooftop solar, community solar gardens, and Xcel Energy's green tariff programs. Xcel Energy's retirement of RECs to maximize a given year's CRP provides the foundation upon which our 100% community-wide goal is measured and supported.

If, as the Department of Commerce recommends, Xcel were to sell all RECs above the RES requirements, Minneapolis and other cities with renewable electricity goals would be farther from achieving our 100% goal.

Xcel's CRP calculation and reporting methodology is a useful tool which helps assure Minneapolis of the renewable attributes of the electricity it receives. Additionally, Xcel's retirement of all earned RECs, above and beyond the statutory requirements of the RES greatly benefits Minneapolis by assisting in the achievement of our 100% renewable electricity goal.

Minneapolis thanks the Commission for consideration of our comments and is available to respond to any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,



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COUNTY OF HENNEPIN )

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Stacy A. Miller, of the City of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, affirm that on the 9th day of September 2021, I served a copy of the following:

**REPLY COMMENTS OF THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS REGARDING DOCKET NO. 20-815.**

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