

Staff Briefing Papers

Meeting Date **October 10, 2024**

Agenda Item 2*

Company Northern States Power Co. d/b/a Xcel Energy

Docket No. **E,G-002/M-24-130**

**In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Co. d/b/a Xcel Energy for
Approval of Miscellaneous Tariff Modifications**

Issues Should the Commission approve the miscellaneous filing and approve the
associated revised tariff sheets?

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✓ **Relevant Documents**

Date

Xcel Energy (Xcel) Initial Filing – Petition for Approval of a Tariff
Modification to Electric and Natural Gas Rate Books

March 15, 2024

The Department of Commerce (Department) Comments

June 14, 2024

Xcel Reply Comments

June 24, 2024

Xcel – Request for Partial Withdrawal of Petition

August 2, 2024

Department Reply to Request for Partial Withdrawal

August 16, 2024

MN Public Utilities Commission – Notice and Order Approving
Petition to Withdraw Filing

August 27, 2024

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The attached materials are work papers of the Commission Staff. They are intended for use by the Public Utilities Commission and are based upon information already in the record unless noted otherwise.

I. Statement of the Issues

1. Should the Commission approve the miscellaneous filing and approve the associated revised tariff sheets?

II. Summary of the Record

On March 15, 2024, Xcel filed a petition for approval of a tariff modification to Electric and Natural Gas Rate Books. These included updates to miscellaneous terms, language removal and modifications, and typographical and consistency edits. The modifications were proposed to increase clarity and remove outdated language. In the initial filing on March 15, 2024, Xcel proposed 63 different edits as shown in the table on pages 4-5 of the filing and the redline tariff sheets in Attachment B of the filing. The proposed changes do not result in any change in Xcel's revenue requirement.¹

On August 2, 2024, Xcel requested to withdraw a portion of the proposed tariff modifications submitted in this docket. The tariff sheets listed below were withdrawn due to Ordering Paragraph 24 from the Commission's September 16, 2024 Order in Docket E002/M-23-452²:

Customer Use of Green Button Connect Application

MN Electric Section 7, Sheet 135, original

Third Party Service Provider Terms

MN Electric Section 7, Sheet 136, original

My Energy Connection Application

MN Electric Section 7, Sheet 137, original

MN Electric Section 7, Sheet 138, original

MN Electric Section 7, Sheet 139, original

MN Electric Section 7, Sheet 140, original

MN Electric Section 7, Sheet 141, original

MN Electric Section 7, Sheet 142, original

MN Electric Section 7, Sheet 143, original

¹ Xcel Initial Tariff Modification Petition, March 15, 2024, at 3.

² Delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to open a new docket for Xcel Energy for the purposes of reviewing and approving Distributed Intelligence (DI) program terms and conditions. Xcel shall submit any requests to implement customer facing DI-enabled programs prior to rollout for Commission approval. This includes proposals the Company may make as part of its ECO portfolio. Proposals must include tariff pages with terms and conditions and be consistent with the terms of the February 18, 2022 Colorado Settlement in Proceeding No. 21A-0279E as outlined in the Commission's July 17, 2023 Order in E002/GR-21-630 and any other applicable Minnesota standards on data privacy. This is not a cost recovery docket and approval made in the docket have no bearing on prudence for future cost recovery proceedings.

The Notice and Order Approving to Withdraw Filing was granted on by the Commission on August 27, 2024. Attachment A of these briefing papers provides a list of the remaining modifications after the partial withdrawal was granted.

The reply comments provided by the Department on June 24, 2024 all centered around the tariff pages that were removed from this docket. In their response to the Petition for Partial Withdrawal, the Department stated “With the withdrawal of Section 7, Sheets 135-143, as listed above, from the original March 15, 2024, filing, the Department recommends the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission approve the remaining aspects of the Petition. As reviewed in the Department’s initial comments, these remaining aspects are uncontested.”³

III. Staff Analysis

The Department and Staff find all tariff modifications requested reasonable. **(Decision Option 1)**

IV. Decision Options

1. Approve Xcel Energy’s proposed miscellaneous tariff modifications as listed in Attachment A and the corresponding Redline changes shown in Xcel’s March 15, 2024 filing.

OR

2. Reject Xcel Energy’s proposed miscellaneous tariff modifications as listed in Attachment A and the corresponding Redline changes shown in Xcel’s March 15, 2024 filing.

AND, if Decision Option 1 is selected:

3. Require Xcel Energy to file revised tariff sheets reflecting the approved modifications within 20 days of the order.

³ Department Reply to Request for Partial Withdrawal, August 12, 2024, at 2.

Attachment A: Xcel Modifications after the August 2, 2024 Partial Withdrawal Request

Electric and/or Gas	Topic/Change	Sheets (MN Electric or Gas)
Electric & Gas	Table of Contents Updates	MN Electric Section 1, Sheet 1 MN Electric Section 1, Sheet 2 MN Electric Section 1, Sheet 4 MN Electric Section 1, Sheet 5 MN Electric Section 1, Sheet 6 MN Electric Section 5, Sheet TOC-1 MN Electric Section 6, Sheet TOC-1 MN Electric Section 6, Sheet TOC-2 MN Electric Section 7, Sheet TOC-1 MN Electric Section 9, Sheet TOC-1 MN Gas Section 1, Sheet 1 MN Gas Section 6, Sheet 1 MN Gas Section 6, Sheet 2 MN Gas Section 9, Sheet 1
Electric & Gas	Updating NSPM President Information	MN Electric Section 2, Sheet 1 MN Gas Section 2, Sheet 1
Gas	February 2021 Weather Event: Removed Language and surcharge factors related to Pricing Event Surcharge	MN Gas Section 5, Sheet 2.1 MN Gas Section 5, Sheet 4 MN Gas Section 5, Sheet 11.1 MN Gas Section 5, Sheet 42 MN Gas Section 5, Sheet 42.1
Electric	Removal of outdated BIS Rider COVID-19 Language	MN Electric Section 5, Sheet 141 MN Electric Section 5, Sheet 141.1
Electric	Application for Service refinements; Service Reconnection Charge: reconnection fee effective January 1, 2025 have been updated to January 1, 2026 to reflect delay in meter deployment	MN Electric Section 6, Sheet 3
Electric & Gas	Addendum to MLK Day tariff revision Docket No. E, G002/M-22-656. Updated when bill shall be prorated.	MN Electric Section 6, Sheet 14 MN Gas Section 6, Sheet 10

Electric & Gas	Average Monthly Payments (AMP) – Added an Clarified quarterly review language to be consistent with current practice	MN Electric Section 6, Sheet 14.1
Electric and/or Gas	Topic/Change	Sheets (MN Electric or Gas)
Electric & Gas	Xcel Energy's Online Terms of Use: typos fixed in footers and one header	MN Electric Section 7, Sheet 124 MN Electric Section 7, Sheet 125 MN Electric Section 7, Sheet 126 MN Electric Section 7, Sheet 127 MN Electric Section 7, Sheet 128 MN Electric Section 7, Sheet 129 MN Electric Section 7, Sheet 130 MN Electric Section 7, Sheet 131 MN Electric Section 7, Sheet 132 MN Electric Section 7, Sheet 133 MN Electric Section 7, Sheet 134 MN Gas Section 7, Sheet 74 MN Gas Section 7, Sheet 75 MN Gas Section 7, Sheet 76 MN Gas Section 7, Sheet 77 MN Gas Section 7, Sheet 78 MN Gas Section 7, Sheet 79 MN Gas Section 7, Sheet 80 MN Gas Section 7, Sheet 81 MN Gas Section 7, Sheet 82 MN Gas Section 7, Sheet 83 MN Gas Section 7, Sheet 84
Electric & Gas	Bill Backer Images Refreshed	MN Electric Section 8, Sheet 7 MN Gas Section 8, Sheet 7
Electric & Gas	Update to reflect Statutory Date Change to CWR Report	MN Electric Section 11, Sheet 9 MN Gas Section 9, Sheet 9