



June 9, 2021

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

RE: Letter of Support
COVID-19 Relief & Recovery
Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of Electric Vehicle Programs
Docket No. E002/M-20-745

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

I am writing in support of Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of Electric Vehicle Programs, and specifically the rebates proposed for electric transit buses.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is committed to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from transportation to align with the Next Generation Energy Act and Minnesota statute 174.01. Transportation electrification, including electric busses, is a key strategy to reduce GHG emissions that can also reduce air pollution and help improve transportation equity, including by reducing air and noise pollution in overburdened communities.

Funding support for Metro Transit and other transit providers is critically important to seeing more electric buses deployed in our communities. Electric transit bus rebates would ensure that Metro Transit is able to replace some of its oldest buses with new, zero-emission buses that will deliver service in Minneapolis and Saint Paul. Many of these buses are assigned to local routes, meaning that future electric buses on these routes would offer the greatest benefit to the most people.

I strongly urge the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to favorably consider Xcel Energy's rebate proposal for electric transit buses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Sexton', written in a cursive style.

Tim Sexton
MnDOT Assistant Commissioner, Sustainability and Public Health

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