



NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: September 29, 2017

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of Revisions to Renewable*Connect Pilot Program

PUC Docket Number: E002/M-17-695

Comment Period: Initial comment period for Xcel closes October 13, 2015 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period all other interested parties closes November 9, 2017 at 4:30pm

*Comments must be received by 4:30pm on the close date
Comments received after comment period closes may not be considered*

Topics Open for Comment for Xcel:

- Please provide a current breakdown of the subscribers by customer class that have formally committed to the pilot tranche of Renewable*Connect; include the number of customers in each class, the number of kWh dedicated to each customer class, and the percentage of current customers and kWh for each customer class;
- Please describe how many of the subscribers formally committed to the pilot tranche currently are impacted by the 10 percent per-customer limit on subscription size and indicate the customer class of these subscribers;
- Please indicate how many customers have expressed interest in being subscribers, but have not formally committed to the pilot tranche, that Xcel believes will commit to the pilot tranche, if the Commission approves Xcel's Petition of Revisions to Renewable*Connect. Please indicate the customer class of such customers; and
- Please describe whether Xcel expects the proposed revisions will affect the current breakdown by customer class of subscribers to the pilot tranche and, if so, how?

Topic Open for Reply Comments for all other Parties:

- Should the Commission approve Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of Revisions to Renewable*Connect Pilot Program?

Project Background: On November 12, 2015, Xcel Energy filed a Petition for approval to implement a Renewable*Connect pilot program. Xcel's Renewable*Connect pilot proposal dedicated up to 50 MW of wind from the Odell Wind Farm and 25 MW of solar from the North Star Solar Project. Xcel's Petition allowed customers to subscribe to their desired level of energy, up to 100 percent of customer load or 10 percent of the available MWh associated with the pilot tranche. On February 27, 2017, the Commission Approved Xcel's Petition for the pilot tranche of Renewable*Connect. On September 21, 2017, Xcel filed a Petition for Approval of Revisions to the Renewable*Connect Pilot Program. Among the proposed revisions was the removal of the requirement that customers may not subscribe to a portion that exceeds 10 percent of the energy of the Renewable*Connect pilot tranche.

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- *If you wish to include an exhibit, map or other attachment, please send your comments via U.S. Mail.*

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