



June 28, 2021

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

RE: Center for Energy and Environment Comments in the Matter of a Proposal by Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy to Offer an Unregulated Energy Infrastructure and Sustainability Program for Business Customers

Docket Number E,G-002/M-21-329

Dear Mr. Seuffert,

Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) respectfully submits these Comments to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) in response to the June 25, 2021 Notice for Comment on Xcel Energy's request to withdraw its May 12, 2021 filing to this docket, which describes a Proposal to Offer an Unregulated Energy Infrastructure and Sustainability Program for Business Customers.

The June 25, 2021 Notice for Comment asked Parties the following questions:

1. Do you object to allowing Xcel Energy to withdraw its May 12, 2021 filing on new nonregulated services?
2. Alternatively, should the Xcel Energy request to withdraw be treated as a request to make a future amended filing in this docket? If so, should Xcel Energy be required to file status reports on its work with stakeholders, and if so, how frequently?
3. Should the comment period set out in the Commission's June 8 Notice be suspended or extended?
4. Are there any other issues related to the withdrawal request?

CEE supports Xcel Energy's request to withdraw its initial filing on new nonregulated services. We appreciate Xcel Energy's willingness to take a pause on this initiative and to work with stakeholders and regulators to address questions and concerns about the proposed unregulated offering. We do not believe that the company's request to withdraw the filing should be treated as a request to make a future amended filing and, as such, we do not see the need for regular status reports to the Commission on stakeholder discussions. Similarly, we recommend that the comment period noticed on June 8, 2021 in this docket be suspended, rather than extended.

We believe that the approach described above allows the broadest range of potential outcomes and timing. We look forward to discussions with the utility and other stakeholders.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input to this docket and thank the Commission for its consideration of our remarks.

Please contact me at apartridge@mncee.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

Audrey Partridge

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I, Audrey Partridge, hereby certify that on this 28th day of June 2021, I served Center for Energy and Environment's Comments in the Matter of a Proposal by Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy to Offer an Unregulated Energy Infrastructure and Sustainability Program for Business Customers in Docket No. E,G002/M-21-329 on the following persons on the attached Service Lists by:

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