

February 20, 2019

Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101

RE: XCEL ENERGY PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE ACQUISITION OF THE COMMUNITY WIND NORTH FACILITIES AND THE JEFFERS WIND FACILITY DOCKET NOS. 18-777, 10-734 AND 06-1234

Dear Mr. Wolf:

The City of Minneapolis appreciates the opportunity for public input on Xcel's proposal to exercise the option to purchase two wind farms currently under two separate Wind Generation Purchase Agreements (REPAs).

The City supports the approval of the Company's request to acquire, own, and operate the 13.2 MW Community Wind North Facilities and the 44 MW Jeffers Wind Facility.

The City agrees that the acquisitions are in the public interest. The Company states that the purchase of these wind facilities under the Option Agreement will provide savings for customers compared to the existing REPAs pricing and compared to the price of energy under the Amendment to the REPAs.

Further, these projects support compliance with the state's renewable electricity standard. The acquisition is a low risk investment with no fuel costs that provides emissions-free renewable generation, protecting customers from the impacts of possible carbon regulation within the lifespan of the projects.

The acquisition of these two wind facilities is consistent with many of the City's clean energy and climate goals and with the Company's nation-leading decarbonization goals announced in December 2018.

The City of Minneapolis appreciates your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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