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Re: In the Matter of Establishing a Distributed Solar Value Methodology under Minn. Stat. §216B.164, subd. 10 (e) and (f), PUC Docket Number/s: E999/CI-14-65

Dear Dr. Haar,

Enclosed herewith in connection with the above matter please find the *Joint Reply Comments of Environmental Law and Policy Center (ELPC), Fresh Energy (FE), Interstate Renewable Energy Council, Inc. (IREC), Institute for Local Self-Reliance (ILSR), Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA), SunEdison, LLC (SE), and the Vote Solar Initiative (VSI).* Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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In the Matter of Establishing a Distributed Solar Value Methodology Proposal under Minn. Stat. Section 216B.164, Subd. 10 (e) and (f)

Docket No. E999/CI-14-65

JOINT REPLY COMMENTS OF
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I. Framework and Guiding Principals

Legislative Intent and Statutory Goals

As a state, Minnesota has long recognized the benefits of distributed generation. Minnesota passed the country's first net metering law over thirty years ago, and perhaps in that context it's no surprise that the state has now also passed the nation's first legislatively-enacted value of solar tariff option. Moreover, this recognition of the value that distributed generation brings – to the electricity system, society and ratepayers – is reinforced at the beginning of section 216B.164, in which the alternative rate statute resides. It states that the section:

"shall at all times be construed in accordance with its intent to give *maximum possible encouragement* to . . . small power production consistent with protection of the ratepayers and the public." ¹

Reviewing parties' comments, it seems instructive to revisit the statutory requirements of the althorative tariff, specifically part (a) and (f):

(a) A public utility may apply for commission approval for an alternative tariff that compensates customers through a bill credit mechanism for the value to the utility, its customers, and society for operating distributed solar photovoltaic resources

interconnected to the utility system and operated by customers primarily for meeting their own energy needs.

...

(f) The distributed solar value methodology established by the department must, at a minimum, account for the value of energy and its delivery, generation capacity, transmission capacity, transmission and distribution line losses, and environmental value. The department may, based on known and measurable evidence of the cost or benefit of solar operation to the utility, incorporate other values into the methodology, including credit for locally manufactured or assembled energy systems, systems installed at high-value locations on the distribution grid, or other factors.²

Overall, many parties in initial comments focused on the value of distributed solar generation to the **utility**, to the exclusion of customers and society.

We note here that, under Xcel's recommended modifications to the methodology, VOST participants would be compensated at an estimated rate of \$0.071 per kilowatt-hour.³ That's over 50 percent lower than the rate modeled by CPR under the Department's Proposed Methodology. Xcel's recommendations would lower the estimated value of seven of the eight components.⁴

As stated in our initial filing, there is a particular intent behind the VOST statute: to compensate distributed solar generators for the value they deliver to utility ratepayers and society. The primarily legislative intent behind VOST is not, as Xcel suggests, to "eventually remove the cross-subsidization concerns inherent in net metering. At the very least, there is no reason to conclude that avoiding purported cross-subsidization is a higher legislative goal than fairly compensating DSG. So it is not necessarily dispositive as to methodological design.

It is true that eliminating any NEM cross-subsidy (which may be an issue at significantly higher NEM penetration levels) was generally seen as a benefit of the VOST crediting arrangement.⁷ For that reason, however, it is somewhat surprising to see that utilities are still so focused on this concern. As was noted in the Department of Commerce stakeholder process, there are numerous other existing cross-subsidies within the residential rate class.⁸ Problematically, the standard utility cross-subsidy argument also elides the methodological goal of estimating of the value that DSG provides to the utility, its

³ Xcel Energy Initial Comments, Attachment A.

² MN Statute 216B.164 subd. 10.

⁴ Id. (The eighth component, Avoided Plant O&M - Variable, Xcel would keep at \$0.001 per kilowatt-hour.)

⁵ Joint initial filing at 12. See *also* Minn. Stat. 216B.164, Subd. 10(a).

⁶ See Xcel Energy Initial Comments at 8 ("the stated purpose of the VOS tariff . . . [is] to eventually remove the cross-subsidization concerns inherent in net metering.").

⁷ See Proposed Methodology at 1. Another expected benefit of VOST is that it will allow utilities to avoid the revenue erosion that is inherent under traditional net metering.

⁸ This is due, in part, to the bundled metering of demand and energy (*i.e.*, fixed and variable utility costs), such that residential customers with below-average demand tend to subsidize customers with above-average demand.

customers, and society. In addition, depending on the ultimate value of the VOST, it may turn out that the NEM cross subsidy has been flowing the other way (*i.e.*, away from customergenerators and in favor of non-solar customers).

Establish Proper Price Signal

Xcel argues in its initial comments that it would be problematic if the VOST were set above the rates otherwise paid by commercial and industrial customers. "In that situation, a high VOST rate could significantly increase the amount of higher-cost solar on the system."

We reject this reasoning, because any such requirement (or practice) that artificially caps the VOST rate would fail the basic statutory goal of providing DSG customers the value that they provide to the utility, its customers, and society. (Specifically, Xcel's approach would make VOST deliberately less attractive to commercial and industrial property owners, and so tend to discourage solar adoption and investment with no basis in whether the methodology for calculating was accurate or not.) Such a requirement would clearly fail the policy goal of fairly compensating solar generators for the value that they provide, and result in inappropriately low investments in distributed solar.

At multiple points within its initial comments, Xcel references its belief that utilityscale solar is more cost effective than distributed solar.¹⁰ As the company says on page 5,

"Currently, large-scale solar facilities provide the value of distributed rooftop solar at a lower cost."

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This statement, which underpins a portion of Xcel's argument against favoring VOST, is problematic for a couple of reasons.

First, the initial clause is demonstrably false. Large, central-station solar can only provide a *subset* of the VOST value components. For example, customer-side solar generally reduces congestion and line losses at the distribution and transmission levels, relative to central-station solar. Utility scale solar also often requires expensive upgrades to the transmission system which is not only costly for ratepayers but also is almost always adamantly opposed by local ratepayers impacted by the transmission lines. While not a cost that can be measure, local opposition to increased transmission line build-outs can be avoided using distributed resources particularly when sited on disturbed lands including landfills. As another example, VOST will help mobilize private, non-utility capital towards meeting the state's 1.5 and 10 percent solar goals.

⁹ Xcel Energy initial comments at 6.

¹⁰ For example, in the quote directly above, Xcel refers to distributed solar as "higher-cost solar." *Id.*

¹¹ *Id*.

¹² See Proposed Methodology at 19 - 20, 30 - 33.

Second, the cost assertion is not supported by any evidence or showing. Moreover, the point seems a bit irrelevant and inapt to the determination of a fair VOST methodology. Utility-scale solar may well turn out to be cheaper, on a dollar-per-kilowatt-hour basis. But that is not a valid reason for adopting a VOST methodology that under-values or under-compensates distributed solar.

As the Legislature indicated through the adoption of net metering expansion, community solar gardens, and the VOST itself, there is value in having many approaches to solar deployment. We thus believe the Commission should strive to make all of these approaches successful, and in so doing help reduce all costs as the market grows and matures towards the state's 10 percent solar goal.

Ratemaking vs. Resource Planning

As Xcel points out in its initial comments, many of its concerns with the Proposed Methodology stem from the fact that methodology "differs from precedent and guidance in our [Xcel's] resource planning process "¹³

This concern appears to have at least two sub components. First, the Proposed Methodology sometimes diverges from the *status quo* methodology currently used in resource planning:

We should remain consistent with precedent or guidance from the resource planning process, as those approaches for the basis of real resource decisions and have benefited from years of application and review.¹⁴

Second, Xcel wants to be sure that assumptions used in VOST ratemaking are not automatically imported into future resource planning processes:

To the extent changes are recommended to major planning assumptions, such as the long-term natural gas forecast and avoided carbon emissions value, those changes should be evaluated as part of a formal and comprehensive regulatory process that considers the broader implications of such changes.¹⁵

As was noted in the Dept. of Commerce stakeholder process, however, the VOS tariff is a combination of both ratemaking and resource planning – "two important processes that are traditionally discrete efforts with different time frames and cost perspectives." It is thus necessary to avoid "confusing or conflating perspectives that should be held separate from each other, and that consequently improperly apply energy planning concepts" when the ratemaking perspective is more appropriate.

¹³ Xcel Energy initial comments at 2.

¹⁴ Xcel Energy initial comments at 5.

¹⁵ Xcel Energy initial comments at 5.

Through its Proposed Methodology, the Department has implicitly distinguished those areas of the methodology for which ratemaking principals should predominate. Now it is up to the Commission to determine whether the Department struck the right balance between ratemaking and resource planning perspectives.

We support the Department's proposed balance, as it appropriately satisfies the VOST statute's command for:

[A]n alternative tariff **that compensates customers** through a bill credit mechanism for the value to the utility, its customers, and society for operating distributed solar photovoltaic resources interconnected to the utility system and operated by customers **primarily for meeting their own energy needs**."¹⁶

In other words, the statute is primarily directed towards appropriately compensating customer-generators and allowing said customers to meet their own energy needs. While it is true that these systems will be interconnected to the utility, and will deliver solar energy to the utility, the primary purpose is to allow customers to meet their own energy needs. It does seem reasonable to expect that, as DSG approaches significant penetration levels (e.g., 5-10 percent or higher), it may begin to impact the utility resource planning processes. However, we do not believe it is necessary to resolve potential longer-term resource planning issue in order to approve the VOST methodology.

Specifically responsive to Xcel's two concerns, noted above: (1) We do not believe the legislature adopted a VOST statute merely to perpetuate or enshrine *status quo* utility resource planning practices and assumptions within the solar rate valuation context. (2) We do not read the Proposed Methodology as requiring changes to the resource planning process. Rates are not the direct outcome of resource planning, rather they are a partial derivative of resource planning efforts. The impact of VOST is not outside of the standard changes to load and resource forecasts that occur between resource planning efforts as a result of normal customer behaviors. Further, if there were changes to the resource planning process outside of the normal adjustments from integration of any load-side resource (such as Energy Efficiency, Distributed Solar or Demand Response), then those changes are more appropriately addressed in the Resource Planning arena.

Finally, it's worth keeping in mind that the Legislature has specified a fairly strict timeline for establishing the VOST methodology. Under the statute, the Department was given until January 31, 2014 to develop a proposed methodology (which they did). The Commission then has 60 days, under the statute, to approve, modify, or disapprove the VOST methodology. Return the statute of the VOST methodology.

For these reasons, we respectfully suggest that Xcel's concerns regarding the potential impact of the VOST methodology on the resource planning process would be better addressed in other, more relevant dockets.

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¹⁶ Minn. Stat. 216B.164, Subd. 10(a) (emphasis added).

¹⁷ Minn. Stat. 216B.164, Subd. 10(e).

¹⁸ Id.

II. Avoided Generation, Transmission, and Distribution Capacity Costs

In terms of establishing a fleet shape analysis (e.g., in support of determining an appropriate capacity value), it is important to develop a legitimate solar generation curve comprised of aggregating many systems. Use of a few systems (e.g. under 10 systems as in Colorado) results in an undervaluation of DSG capacity value.

The Proposed Methodology ties capacity value to the Midcontinent Independent Systems Operator (MISO). Xcel also points to MISO. ¹⁹ As was noted in the Department's stakeholder process, "Generation capacity is being added to the MISO system every year, and thus capacity has value every year." ²⁰ This is an important point when considering the capacity contribution of the DG resources, as it has been argued that a capacity payment should only be made once the utility demonstrates a need for a new capital generation resource. While the next marginal unit for Xcel's capacity construction might not occur until closer towards 2017, it is important to note that utilities frequently are going to the market for spot-purchases and short-term capacity contracts to cover any imbalances. For this reason, the DG resources truly are deferring these market capacity transactions.

We also observe that it may be appropriate, in certain situations, to peg the utility's avoided capacity value to a non-MISO capacity figure. For example, in a case where the utility is planning to add generation that is more costly than MISO capacity (e.g., due to transmission congestion concerns or other factors).

Minnesota Power and Otter Tail Power Company both raise vague claims regarding concerns regarding safety and reliability of DG resources. We respectfully disagree with these assertions as all interconnected distributed generation resources, including solar PV resources, must meet Minnesota's interconnection standards which are designed to ensure safe and reliable operation of distributed generation. We encourage the Commission to explore ways to implement improvements to Minnesota's interconnection standards. Minnesota currently receives a 'C' in *Freeing the Grid* for its interconnection procedures. Such a grade indicates that the procedures are "[a]dequate for interconnection, but systems incur higher fees and longer delays than necessary. Some systems will likely be precluded from interconnection because of remaining barriers in the interconnection rules."²¹ Therefore an evaluation of community solar garden interconnection procedures may be appropriate.

¹⁹ Xcel Energy initial comments at 9-10 ("The avoided capacity investment credit . . . needs to be based on Midcontinent Independent Systems Operator (MISO) capacity accreditation practices in place at that time."

²⁰ CR Planning Comments on Value of Solar Tariff Methodology Workshop (September 20, 2013) at 2.

²¹ Freeing the Grid: About the Grades, http://freeingthegrid.org/#education-center/about-the-grades-2.

III. Avoided Fuel Cost: Avoided Cost of Price Volatility Risk

Xcel also takes issue with the inclusion of a fuel hedge value in the methodology, arguing that there is no consensus on how to value the fuel hedge value of solar energy resources and asserting that the Xcel does not currently incur any fuel hedging costs under its current business practices.

As Xcel acknowledges, it is widely recognized that solar energy resources provide a hedge to ratepayers against volatile natural gas prices and, therefore, are properly included within the methodology as a benefit to Xcel's customers as contemplated under Minn. Stat. Sec. 216B.164, Subd. 10(a) and under Subd. 10(f) as being "known." Moreover, while three options offered by the Department to calculate the value of this particular benefit are not based on consensus findings of any particular group of stakeholders, these options were extensively discussed at the workshops and are based on the expertise of the Department's consultants. Thus, these options meet the statutory requirements for inclusion within the VOST methodology.

The fact that Xcel ignores in this discussion is that Xcel currently handles fuel price volatility by passing fuel price changes directly to its ratepayers through the fuel cost adjustment (FCA) rider. In other words, Xcel's customer's currently bear the risk of fuel price volatility so resources that mitigate this risk are providing a known and measureable benefit to Xcel's customers. Accordingly, this benefit appropriately belongs within the VOST framework proposed by the Department.

IV. Avoided Environmental Costs

As we stated in our initial comments, the VOST statute unambiguously requires the inclusion of an environmental value component, and allows for the methodology to include benefits to society.²² Our groups have long held this position, as evidence by ELPC's October 2013 letter to Deputy Commissioner Bill Grant (Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources) laying out the case for this construction.

We make this point again because, in its initial comments, Xcel appears to be operating under the misperception that the VOST statute allows only for the inclusion of environmental benefits that flow to the utility.²³ As we have argued, and as the Department has indicated (in its Proposed Methodology), the statute requires consideration of environmental attributes to the utility, its customers and society. Based on this, we continue to support the inclusion of avoided criteria air pollutants and carbon pollution that are currently included in the methodology.

²² Joint Initial Comments of ELPC, FE, IREC,ILSR, IWLA, SE, and VSI (Feb. 13, 2014) at 11. We also noted that CO₂ and air pollution benefits are generally "known and measurable." We did not, however, mean to imply that the "known and measurable" requirement necessarily applies to this value component. Under a plain reading of the statute, it does not.

²³ See, e.g., Xcel Energy initial comments at 12 ("Externalities should not be included in the VOS rate because they are not costs that are incurred by the utility system").

Several parties expressed concern about including a value component accounting for carbon costs, and specifically use of the Federal interagency Social Cost of Carbon (SCC) value to serve as that carbon value.

First, we strongly support the inclusion of an environmental value subcomponent for the avoided carbon value that distributed solar generation brings to utilities, customers and society. Federal rules to limit carbon pollution from fossil fuel plants are underway. Moreover, Minnesota has a state goal of reducing carbon emissions at least 80% by 2050 economy-wide, and is in danger of missing the first statutory benchmark towards that goal in 2015. The benefits that solar distributed generation provides in helping utilities to reduce their carbon emissions and the state to meet its statutory goal are correctly included in the Value of Solar methodology.

Secondly, we strongly support the use of the Social Cost of Carbon used by 13 federal agencies as a means of measuring that value. The Social Cost of Carbon, which estimates how much damage one ton of carbon emitted today causes now and in the future, is itself a conservative estimate of the cost of climate change to our economy. In fact, some of the most important economic and human health costs of carbon pollution are not included in the Social Cost of Carbon. Of particular significance to Minnesota, costs not included in the SCC include impacts to many of Minnesota's natural resource-based industries, including agriculture, forest products and tourism, and health costs, which manifest as respiratory and cardiovascular illnesses. Considerable economic damages resulting from climate change not calculated in the social cost of carbon include costs due to problems that can be made worse and occur more frequently because of climate change, including:

- drought;
- forest fires;
- smog (and associated respiratory illnesses);
- power outages;
- increased food prices (due to drought); and
- · forest dieback from pest infestations.

If anything, the values derived from the social cost of carbon in fact underestimate the human health costs and economic damages caused by carbon pollution. As such, we believe the social cost of carbon figures are an eminently reasonable, conservative estimate of carbon costs.

Xcel Energy, in its initial comments, attempts to argue against using the social cost of carbon (SCC) on a number of grounds. We do not find their arguments persuasive. Apart from eschewing statutorily required societal benefits and deferring to resource planning, Xcel argues that Minnesota stakeholders have not "had a chance to weigh in and fully test and vet the value." But, as we noted in our initial comments, there has been a very robust and well-structured VOST stakeholder process, which is now continuing in this Commission docket. Indeed, the legislature required this sort of VOST stakeholder process, required that

²⁴ Xcel Energy initial comments at 11.

the VOST include environmental benefits, and set definite deadlines for completion of the methodology.

Additionally, the statute clearly lays out the Department's ability to modify the VOST value elements in subsequent years, and the annual VOST filing process seems to address Xcel's concern that "the SCC is currently subject to public comment, which could result in changes to the value or its application."

Finally, we note that a number of other commenters pointed to additional environmental value sub-components that could (ideally) be incorporated into the VOST methodology over time. ²⁶ As a practical matter, it may not currently be possible to reduce each of these avoided environmental / societal costs to a dollar-per-kilowatt-hour figure. And yet, it is hard to deny that there are other environmental benefits to DSG beyond avoided CO₂ and traditional air pollutants.

The practical upshot is that under the Proposed Methodology, solar generators will continue to be under-compensated relative to the real environmental value they provide to society. We offer this as a counterpoint to Xcel's assertion that the Proposed Methodology would somehow over-compensate solar generators.

V. Avoided SES Compliance Costs (Solar Renewable Energy Credits)

Consistent with our initial comments, we again recommend that the Commission amend the proposed methodology to include a value component for the Avoided SES Compliance Cost that ensures customer-generators receive fair SREC compensation.

As noted in our initial filing, in quantifying the utility's avoided SES compliance costs, it is important to understand what is necessary to achieve compliance with the solar energy standard. The cost to comply with the SES is "the cost of adoption a dynamic number [that] is impacted by how much compliance has been achieved and should be based off the current market proxies, such as Solar*Rewards or other nationally established market proxies."²⁷

For this reason, it should be relatively straightforward to initially estimate the utility's avoided SES compliance costs due to VOST – assuming the Commission establishes or approves SREC compensation rates, or is able to otherwise arrive at a reasonable market proxy price. As new SREC prices change over time, the VOST can be updated through the annual recalculation and filing procedure.

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²⁵ Xcel Energy initial comments at 11.

²⁶ See Comments of Rebecca Lundberg at 1 (avoided natural-gas-production benefit), William and Nancy Bauer at 1 (avoided waste-heat warming of rivers and water bodies), Amy Blumenshire (benefits to human health), and Dr. Kannan Seshadri at 1 (avoided environmental-cleanup costs).

²⁷ Joint Initial Comments at 15.

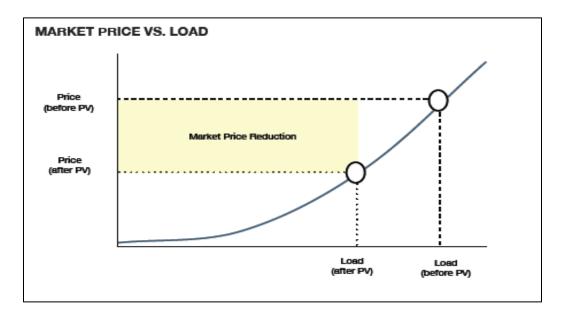
As we have stated, "avoided environmental costs and avoided compliance costs are two distinct value components" that together comprise the full SREC value.²⁸ Thus, in order to avoid potential double-compensation for avoided environmental costs, it may be necessary to subtract that value component from standard SREC prices and/or market proxy prices in order to arrive at a reasonable dollar-per-kilowatt-hour estimate of the compliance-value component SRECs transferred under VOST.

VI. Additional Placeholder for Value of "Market Price Reduction"

As stated in our initial comments, we recommend that the Commission include a "placeholder" for utility-avoided wholesale energy costs that can be attributed to DSG within the utility service territory.²⁹

Some stakeholders may question whether the inclusion of this avoided cost would result in double counting – after all, the Proposed Methodology already includes avoided energy market costs (in the form of avoided fuel costs and avoided plant O&M costs).³⁰ However, as explained in the Rocky Mountain Institute (RMP) September 17, 2013 presentation to the Department of Commerce and VOST stakeholders, those components only account for reduced energy purchases and generation.

RMI explained the distinction with the help of this diagram, which demonstrates a shift in the utility's wholesale demand curve due to VOST:31



²⁸ Id. at 14.

²⁹ Joint initial comments at 17.

³⁰ See e.g., Proposed Methodology, Table 1 at 4 (showing the basis of included value components).

³¹ Diagram from September 17, 2013 RMI presentation, at 76.

In this diagram, the avoided cost due to reduced energy purchases is represented by the quadrilateral area under the demand curve between "Load (before PV)" and "Load (after PV)". The larger the reduction in load due to DSG, the larger this area and the greater the avoided costs.

As shown, however, there is a second type of cost savings due to DSG, labeled as "Market Price Reduction" on RMI's diagram. This cost savings is due to the fact that wholesale power prices in the MISO market increase with increasing system load. Distributed PV reduces system load, which results in lower wholesale prices for all wholesale buyers – including the utility. We do not believe that the Proposed Methodology currently accounts for this avoided cost to the utility, hence our recommendation that the Commission insert a placeholder into the methodology so that this value component to be specified in the future.

VII. Economic Development Benefit Value

We find MnSEIA's comments on this potential VOST component to be persuasive.³² We thus recommend the inclusion of an economic development value component, using a tax-revenue based methodology like the one described in Clean Power Research's report on The Value of Distributed Solar Electric Generation to New Jersey and Pennsylvania.³³

ELPC, FE, IREC, and VSI have previously commented on the importance of including an economic development value in the VOST methodology.³⁴ The sticking point has, however, been the awkward phrasing used to describe this value component in the statute:

The department may, based on known and measurable evidence of the cost and benefit of solar operation to the utility, incorporate . . . credit for locally manufactured or assembled energy systems 35

At first glance, any costs or benefits of locally manufactured and installed solar PV systems would appear to accrue to local manufacturers, installers, and their employees and the local community – not to the utility. But we do not believe it is appropriate to construe the statutory in a way that makes this language it inoperable. Rather, the Commission should, if possible, read this language as operable in light of the overarching statutory goal.

MnSEIA's interpretation of this language renders it operable, by noting that existing "Economic Development" and "Load Retention" rates already recognize and quantify a utility benefit created by rate-enable growth in the local economy.

³³ Perez, Norris, and Hoff, *The Value of Distributed Solar Electric Generation to New Jersey and Pennsylvania* (November 2012), at 9 and 45.

³² See MnSEIA initial comments at 1-3.

³⁴ See ELPC, FE, IREC and VSI October 8, 2013 comments in Response to the Department of Commerce Questions at 11-12 ("installing distributed solar PV creates local jobs and businesses at higher rates than conventional generation translating to tax revenue benefits for all taxpayers").

³⁵ Minn. Stat. 216B.164, Subd. 10(f).

The Commission has already approved several Xcel Energy (Xcel) rate programs to incentivize new business and retain or expand businesses that are beneficial to all rate payers. . . . These include Xcel's Area Development Rider, the Business Incentive and Sustainability Rider and the Competitive Response Rider In analyzing these new riders in the GR 12-961 docket the ALJ (OAH 68-2500-30266) noted Xcel's comments "... that the allocation of these costs should reflect the fact that adding and retaining load will allow the Company to spread overhead costs more broadly, which benefits all customers by lowering their average cost of service." 36

As a practical matter, distributed solar generation (DSG) does confer an economic development benefit on the utility and its ratepayers, and we believe this should be reflected in the VOST methodology.

VIII. Conclusion

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these reply comments regarding the Department's proposed value of solar rate methodology. ³⁷

Very truly yours,

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³⁶ MnSEIA initial comments at 2 (emphasis in original).

³⁷ Counsel for IREC has given undersigned counsel authorization to sign these comments on IREC's behalf.

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