

NOTICE INCLUDING ADDITIONAL TOPIC IN REPLY COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: July 15, 2020

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Approval of Amendments to its Natural Gas and Electric Service Quality Tariffs Originally Established in Docket No. E,G-02/CI-02-2034 & Investigation and Audit of Service Quality Reporting-Fraudwise Report.

PUC Docket Number(s): Nos. E,G002/CI-02-2034 and E,G002/M-12-383

Comment Period: Reply comment period remains at August 10, 2020 at 4:30pm

See Background for additional topic for comment.

Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.

Issue: Should the issue of complaints about Xcel's compliance with the MN DIP be filed and addressed in another docket?

Background: On May 4, 2020, Xcel made its annual QSP filing and a request for a Commission decision on the definition of customer complaint. In response to the Commission's notice for comments, the Department filed comments. In part, those comments stated,

The Department's position is that while all the customer complaints lodged by the two solar installers regarding the Minnesota Distribution Interconnection Process (MN DIP) should be reviewed, those complaints should not be categorized as customer complaints under the QSP tariff. Rather, those complaints should be evaluated as part of the Commission's review of the MN DIP process.¹

Commission staff acknowledges the logic of moving complaints regarding Xcel's compliance with the MN DIP process to another docket, as this is a separate issue from the definition of customer complaint in this docket. However, staff respectfully suggests that parties comment on moving this topic to another open docket: E002/M-18-714, which is Xcel's tariff filing to comply with MN DIP. The MN DIP review process, anticipated to occur in September with the Distributed Generation Workgroup in Docket No. E999/CI-16-521, does not directly relate to a utility's implementation of existing MN DIP procedures; rather, it is a review of those procedures and a discussion about what, if anything, should be updated. Addressing specific utility implementation

¹ Department July 2, 2020 comments, p. 3.

issues in a separate docket does not preclude related discussion of possible changes to the MN DIP in the review process.

Parties should comment on this staff proposal in their August 10 reply comments.

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