

Revised Decision Options – February 20, 2026

Approval

1. Approve the following proposed solar and standalone storage PPAs:
 - a. Fillmore Solar
 - b. Gopher State Solar
 - c. Lemon Hill Solar
 - d. Crowned Ridge BESS
 - e. Mayhew Lake BESS
 - f. Grant Solar
 - g. Crane BESS (*Xcel, Department*)
2. Approve the acquisition and construction of the following proposed self-build projects:
 - a. Blue Lake BESS
 - b. Sherco South BESS
 - c. Sherco Solar 4 (*Xcel, Department*)

Or

3. Deny the Petition.

Cost Recovery – RES Rider

4. Approve the Company's proposed approach of recovery for the Blue Lake BESS, Sherco South BESS, and Sherco Solar 4 project costs for the Minnesota jurisdiction through the RES Rider. (*Xcel*)

Or

5. Approve the Company's proposed approach of recovery for the Sherco South BESS and Sherco Solar 4 project costs for the Minnesota jurisdiction through the RES Rider. (*Department*) (*Staff notes that the difference between DOs 4 and 5 is that DO 5 does not include the Blue Lake BESS.*)

And

6. Limit cost recovery to a symmetrical capital cost cap for Xcel's proposed Sherco Solar BESS and Sherco Solar 4 projects with the capital cost recovered being set at the cost bid by Xcel. Authorize Xcel to request Commission approval to exceed the symmetrical cost cap if it can show that any costs it incurred above the cap are the result of a government action (e.g. tariff, trade investigation, etc.) that causes a meaningful disruption to solar panel supplies and market prices. (*Staff interpretation of the Department's recommendation.*)

And

7. Authorize the Company to propose any changes to its jurisdictional allocation approach in a future RES Rider filing for resources that it is not able to obtain approval of in another jurisdiction. *(Xcel)*

Or

8. Take no action regarding the request to propose changes to the jurisdictional allocation approach in a future RES Rider filing for resources that Xcel Energy is not able to obtain approval of in another jurisdiction. *(Department)*

Cost Recovery – FCR

9. Authorize the Company to recover, through the Fuel Clause Rider, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.16 subd. 7(3), the Minnesota jurisdictional portion of the costs incurred under the PPAs from Minnesota retail customers. *(Xcel, Department)*

And

10. With a triggering of a New Trade Measure Event, Xcel must include in its fuel clause filing a showing that it is just and reasonable for ratepayers, rather than Xcel's shareholders, to bear the increased costs. *(Staff)*

Land Rights

11. Approve the Company's acquisition of land rights for the Sherco Solar 4 project. *(Xcel, Department)*

And

12. Approve the Company's request for a variance of the requirements of Minn. R. 7825.1800, subp. B. *(Xcel, Department)*