

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
FOR THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Xcel  
Energy for a Certificate of Need for  
Additional Dry Cask Storage at the  
Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant  
Independent Spent Fuel Storage  
Installation

**ORDER**

This matter came on for an informal conference before Administrative Law Judge Megan J. McKenzie held by videoconference on April 17, 2025.

Elizabeth Schmiesing, Winthrop & Weinstine, and Ian Dobson, Xcel Energy, appear on behalf of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy);

Katherine Arnold and Richard Dornfeld, Assistant Attorneys General, appear on behalf of the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department);

Bret Eknes and Craig Janezich are participating on behalf of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Staff.

The parties informed the Judge that there are no issues in dispute and neither party intends to conduct cross examination at the evidentiary hearing. The parties and Commission staff agreed there was no further need to conduct an evidentiary hearing.

Based upon the record, the prehearing conference, and the parties' stipulations,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. The evidentiary hearing in this matter scheduled for April 22 and 23, 2025 is **CANCELLED**.

2. By **4:30 p.m. on April 28, 2025**, parties shall file a Stipulated Exhibit List identifying all documents that the parties have stipulated should be admitted into the hearing record. The eDocket unique identifier, taken from the eDocket list when the document is electronically filed, shall be inserted into the Exhibit List as a hyperlink. The

parties shall use the assigned exhibit numbers and instructions from the First Prehearing Order when marking exhibits.

3. The parties shall submit stipulated proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law no later than **4:30 p.m. on May 14, 2025.**

Dated: April 18, 2025



Megan J. McKenzie  
Administrative Law Judge

April 18, 2025

See Attached Service List

**Re: *In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy for a Certificate of Need for Additional Dry Cask Storage at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation***  
**OAH 25-2500-39971**  
**MPUC E-002 / CN-24-68**

To All Persons on the Attached Service List:

Enclosed and served upon you is the Administrative Law Judge's **ORDER** in the above-entitled matter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (651) 361-7857, [nichole.sletten@state.mn.us](mailto:nichole.sletten@state.mn.us), or via facsimile at (651) 539-0310.

Sincerely,



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