

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: July 18, 2024

In the Matter of the Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the 98.9 MW Mower County Wind Facility Regarding a Complaint

PUC Docket Number(s): IP-6557/WS-06-91

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes July 29, 2024 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes August 5, 2024 at 4:30pm

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Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- What, if any, action should the Commission take regarding the complaint from the City of Grand Meadow reported in Xcel Energy's Consolidated Monthly Complaint Report filed June 14, 2024?
- What authority does the Commission have to order removal of the wind turbine blades from the city industrial park?
- What contractual remedies does Xcel Energy have with NextEra Energy Resources or others regarding proper disposal and recycling of the turbine blades?

Background:

Northern States Power Co. d/b/a Xcel Energy filed a complaint report on June 14, 2024. In that report, Xcel Energy included a complaint from the City of Grand Meadow regarding the storage of decommissioned windmill blades (blades) from a 2020 repowering project (Mower County Wind Farm).

In its response Xcel indicated that NextEra Energy Resources (NextEra), the previous owner of Mower County Wind Farm, had contracted with Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy (SGRE) to repower the facility and remove the used blades. SGRE took title to the blades and contracted with RiverCap, LLC (RiverCap), for recycling. The City Administrator for Grand Meadow reports that since removal in 2020-21 the blades have been stored at the city industrial park subject to a property lease between RiverCap and a private third party.

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**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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Dated this **18th** day of **July, 2024**

/s/ Robin Benson

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