

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: November 18, 2021

In the Matter of the Formal Complaint and Petition for Relief by Nokomis Energy LLC and Ole Solar LLC Against Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy.

PUC Docket Number: E-002/C-21-786

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes December 20, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Reply comment period closes December 30, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

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

Issue: Should the Commission investigate the Formal Complaint and Petition for Relief by Nokomis Energy LLC and Ole Solar LLC Against Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy?

Topics open for comment:

- Does the Commission have jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Complaint?
- Are there reasonable grounds for the Commission to investigate these allegations?
- Is it in the public interest for the Commission to investigate these allegations upon its own motion?
- If the Commission chooses to investigate the Complaint, what procedures should be used to do so?

Background

On November 9th, 2021 Nokomis Energy filed a Formal Complaint against Xcel Energy. Nokomis alleges in the Complaint that: 1) Xcel Energy violated the Minnesota Distribution Energy Resources Interconnection Process (MN DIP) by implementing an “on-hold” step in the process (consequently, missing several MN DIP deadlines) due to what Nokomis believes is a misinterpretation of the word “serially” by Xcel (Sec. 10; Sheet No. 180, MN DIP 1.8); and 2) Xcel Energy’s estimated 600 business day hold on the project does not constitute “Reasonable Efforts”, as defined in the MN DIP, to meet the MN DIP timeframes (Sec. 10; Sheet No. 195, MN DIP 5.2.2 and Sheet No. 209, MN DIP Glossary).

Nokomis seeks relief by the Commission issuing an order directing Xcel to resume processing the Ole Solar LLC application and comply with Xcel’s legal obligation under the MN DIP. Should the Commission find that Xcel is permitted to delay processing the application, then Nokomis requests

that the Commission find that 600 business days is not “Reasonable Efforts” and direct Xcel to resume processing the Ole Solar LLC interconnection within a reasonable timeframe.

Formal Complaints are subject to Minn. Rule 7829.1700 - .1900. The Commission’s Utility Proceeding, Practice, Procedure rules are electronically available at:

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/7829/> .

Section 10 of Xcel Energy’s Rate Book includes detail on the Company’s interconnection process and is electronically available at https:

https://www.xcelenergy.com/staticfiles/xcelenergy/Company/Rates%20&%20Regulations/Rate%20Cases/Me_Section_10.pdf .

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.17, subd. 1, the Commission may dismiss any complaint without a hearing if in its opinion a hearing is not in the public interest.

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Dated this 18th day of November, 2021

/s/ Chrishna Beard

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