

## NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE LIST

Issued: November 15, 2019

### In the Matter of the 2019 Minnesota Biennial Transmission Projects Report

**PUC Docket Number(s):** M999/M-19-205

**Comment Period:** Completeness comment period closes November 20, 2019 at 4:30pm  
Initial comment period on the merits closes January 15, 2020 at 4:30pm  
Reply comment period on the merits closes March 1, 2020 at 4:30pm

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

### Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Is the Biennial Transmission Projects Report (Report) complete (that is, does it contain the required information as set out in MN Rule 7848.1300)? [Note: Per rule, challenges to completeness must be received within 20 days of the November 1, 2019 initial filing.]
- Are there questions or concerns regarding the representations made in the Report?
- Should the Commission continue to grant the waiver to the public meeting requirements and related notice requirements for the next Report cycle?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

**Background:** On November 1, 2019, the Minnesota Transmission Owners<sup>1</sup> filed the 2019 Minnesota Biennial Transmission Projects Report with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The Report can be found via the Commission's eDockets system (instructions below) or at [www.minnelectrans.com](http://www.minnelectrans.com).

The Report is required under Minn. Stat. § 216B.2425. The rules governing the review process are in Minnesota Rules Chapter 7848. Petitions to intervene will be accepted through January 15, 2020 at 4:30pm. The Commission is required to accept, reject, or modify the report, or require further action, by June 1, 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> Membership includes American Transmission Company, LLC, Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, Dairyland Power Cooperative, East River Electric Power Cooperative, Great River Energy, ITC Midwest LLC, L&O Power Cooperative, Minnesota Power, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Missouri River Energy Services, Northern States Power Company, Otter Tail Power Company, Rochester Public Utilities, and Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency.

Beginning with the 2015 Biennial Report, Xcel Energy is required to file a biennial Grid Modernization Report and a Hosting Capacity Report. The Commission will solicit comments on Xcel's 2019 Integrated Distribution Plan/Distribution Grid Modernization Report and Hosting Capacity Report separately in dockets; No. E002/M-19-666 and E002/M-19-685, respectively.

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