

The Commission met on **Thursday, March 24, 2022** with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Means, Schuerger, Sullivan, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

**P-405,407,5316/CI-21-150**

**In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into Frontier Communications' Virtual Separation Analysis.**

This item was pulled from the agenda

**E-002/M-20-745**

**In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of Electric Vehicle Programs as part of its COVID-19 Pandemic Economic Recovery Investments.**

**E, G-999/M-20-492**

**In the Matter of an Inquiry into Utility Investments that May Assist in Minnesota's Economic Recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic.**

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Approve Xcel Energy's plan to install, own, and operate 21 DCFC sites and require Open Charge Point Interface based roaming agreements with other networks.
  - a. The Company shall seek external funding to support its charging infrastructure procurement and installation in Minnesota. Any external funding secured shall be tracked in its current budget proposal and used to reduce the amount covered by Minnesota ratepayers.
2. Approve Xcel Energy's Electric Vehicle Direct Current Fast Charging Service–Time of Day Pilot Rate Schedule.
3. Approve Xcel Energy's request for Waiver of Service Policy Provision.
4. Approve the deferment of O&M expenses related to marketing, outreach and customer engagement via Xcel's existing EV Tracker Account established in Docket No. E-002/M-15-111.
5. Require Xcel to include in its next transportation electrification plan, and in subsequent transportation electrification plans, a section that addresses divestment issues and identifies possible divestment strategies.

6. Require Xcel Energy to provide the following information and data to the greatest extent practicable. Where Xcel Energy is not able to do so, it shall explain why. Reports shall be filed on an annual basis throughout the pilot as part of Xcel Energy's Annual EV report in Docket No. E-002/M-15-111, with a copy filed in the present docket, E-002/M-20-745. Where applicable, include data in spreadsheet (.xlsx) format. Delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to establish final report formatting, clean up any inconsistencies between various existing reporting requirements in individual dockets, and modify reporting requirements via notice after input from stakeholders.
  - a. DCFC and Level 2 Charging Stations:
    - i. Location of each charging site, including the number of chargers and ports, including port capacity
    - ii. Customer service and technical assistance needs
    - iii. Operation and maintenance costs
  - b. Revenues:
    - i. Energy revenues
    - ii. Demand revenues
    - iii. Fixed fee revenues
  - c. For each site, on a monthly basis:
    - i. Energy consumption (kWh) for each period of Xcel Energy's rate schedule
    - ii. Coincident peak demand, at the MISO system peak and Xcel Energy system peak, including the time of day at which the peak occurred
    - iii. Non-coincident peak demand, including the time of day the peak occurred
    - iv. Number of charging events, times, and durations, to the extent available
7. Find that Xcel's Fleet Electrification has the potential to be consistent with the Commission's request for proposals that could assist with economic recovery in the May 22, 2020 order in Docket No. E,G-999/CI-20-425. The Commission will make decisions about reasonableness, prudence, and cost recovery in a future rate proceeding if Xcel moves the Fleet Electrification project forward, and the acceleration of these projects alone would not be the sole basis for any disapproval in the future.

8. Reject the light duty EV rebate program.
9. Reject the electric bus rebate program.
10. Require Xcel to include any approved projects in its quarterly reports filed in Docket No. E,G-999/M-20-492.
11. Delegate authority to the executive secretary to approve, via notice, modifications to any of the approved programs, if no stakeholder or Commission staff object or file notice to object within 30 days of the filing.
12. Require Xcel Energy to incorporate any changes to cost recovery, including the reduction or elimination of project budgets, into its pending rate case in Docket No. E-002/GR-21-630.
13. Where not otherwise noted, require Xcel Energy to submit a compliance filing consistent with the Commission's decision in this matter no later than 30 days after the issuance of the Order.

The motion passed 5—0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: May 11, 2022**



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**Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary**