

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Katie J. Sieben	Chair
Dan Lipschultz	Commissioner
Valerie Means	Commissioner
Matthew Schuerger	Commissioner
John A. Tuma	Commissioner

In the Matter of Xcel Energy’s Petition for Approval to Sell Two Liquid Propane Fuel Storage Tanks, Associated Equipment, and Real Property to Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend, LLC

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ORDER CLARIFYING AND
CORRECTING MARCH 28, 2019
ORDER APPROVING SALE

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On March 28, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Granting Variance and Approving Sale with Conditions in this docket, authorizing Northern States Power Co. d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel) to sell certain assets.

On April 17, 2019, the Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (the Department), filed comments, requesting clarification and suggested correction of the order by deleting ordering point 4.

On May 30, 2019, the Commission met to consider the matter.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission’s March 28, 2019 order held, among other things, as follows:

4. Xcel is authorized to record the Flint Hills sale to FERC Account No. 182.3.
5. Xcel’s request to net \$557,031 of the propane losses against the sale transaction’s gain is denied.
6. Xcel shall return the gain as a direct bill credit, based on the approved apportionment of revenue responsibility from the last general rate case and distributed evenly by customer count in each rate class.

The Department requested that an accounting reference in the order be deleted to ensure consistency within the order. The Department explained that ordering point 4 is inconsistent with ordering points 5 and 6, and requested that ordering point 4 be deleted.

The Department stated that because the Commission denied Xcel's request to net \$557,031 of losses against the gain on the sale of the propane tanks in order point 5, and the Commission ordered Xcel to return the gain to its ratepayers as a direct bill credit in order point 6, the Commission's authorization to record the sale to FERC Account No. 182.3 in order point 4 is inconsistent and incorrect. Xcel did not object to the Department's request.

The Commission agrees that the deletion of ordering point 4 is reasonable and will correct the order to so reflect.

ORDER

1. The Department's request for clarification and correction of the Commission's March 28, 2019 Order Granting Variance and Approving Sale with Conditions by deleting ordering point 4 is approved.
2. This order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary



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