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Xcel Energy Upper Midwest Energy Plan

To: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

From: Wright County Economic Development Partnership

Wright County Economic Development Partnership is a not for profit member organization focused on enhancing the economic vitality of the region. Our membership includes all the cities and many large and small businesses within Wright County. We write today to express support for the Xcel Energy Upper Midwest Energy Plan currently under consideration at the Public Utilities Commission (docket number 19-368).

We support reducing carbon emissions and expanding clean energy, and we know that reliable electricity is key to meeting our needs and the needs of our customers and our community.

Xcel Energy's plan will reduce emissions, invest in renewable energy, and deliver reliable electricity while also keeping bills affordable.

We support the Xcel Energy plan to retire its coal plants, expand wind and solar energy, continue operating its carbon-free nuclear plants, and build a natural gas plant in Becker to ensure reliability. We ask the Public Utilities Commission to approve the Xcel Energy plan, as they are our trusted community partner and have the experience and expertise to continue meeting the energy needs of our community, our state, and our region.

Sincerely,

*Jolene Foss*

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