

January 27, 2021

To: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
From: St. Paul Area Chamber

RE: Support for Xcel Energy Upper Midwest Energy Plan

We write today to express support for the Xcel Energy Upper Midwest Energy Plan currently under consideration at the Public Utilities Commission (docket number E002/M-19-368).

The St. Paul Area Chamber supports sensible energy regulations that advance sustainability while allowing for economic growth to continue. The plan that Xcel Energy has put forward meets both of those goals. In a time when businesses are counting every penny this is particularly important.

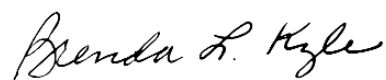
The St. Paul Area Chamber supports an innovative energy system that balances cost effectiveness and reliability, while integrating renewables and new technologies that customers and the market require. Xcel Energy's plan will reduce emissions, invest in renewable energy, and deliver reliable electricity while also keeping bills affordable.

With the bulk of commerce, education, and human interaction migrating to online forums, affordable, reliable electricity is beyond important. We trust Xcel Energy to deliver the reliability that we all need now, while responsibly planning for the future.

We ask the Public Utilities Commission to approve the Xcel Energy plan. They have been an outstanding member of the St. Paul Area Chamber for many years, and we have no doubt that they have the experience and expertise to continue meeting the energy needs of our community, our state, and our region.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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President & CEO

