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RE: In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2040 Integrated Resource Plan
MN PUC Docket Number: E002/RP-19-368

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

The following comments are offered on the above-referenced docket on behalf of the City of Monticello, Minnesota as host community to the Xcel Energy Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant.

The City of Monticello is a community of approximately 13,900 residents located in Wright County. Our city understands the changing environment within the utility industry and the shifting energy demands of consumers, including large-scale industrial facilities.

We support the ambitious carbon reduction goals that Xcel Energy has set forth, and we support a strategic path to a future that includes a balanced mix of fuel sources. With these comments, we wish to express support for the Xcel Energy Upper Midwest Integrated Resource Plan currently under consideration at the Public Utilities Commission, E002/RP-19-368.

The City of Monticello supports the proposed extension of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant through 2040. The extension ensures the plant will continue to be an economic engine for the city, county, and greater region. It would also allow the plant to continue to produce carbon free energy for the benefit of the state.

In addition to these benefits, the proposed license extension provides valuable time to prepare a transition plan for the community. The City of Monticello is in the early stages of a long-range transition effort but impacts of this magnitude require as much time as possible to prepare for effects on our region. In preparing the transition plan, Monticello seeks collaboration with Xcel Energy and other stakeholders to develop adequate and appropriate transition solutions specific to the Monticello community.

Monticello further supports the carbon reduction goals that Xcel Energy has set forth with the Sherburne County Generating Station in Becker. In addition, there is full support of continued operation of the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Station to ensure economic and reliable electricity throughout the system.

We ask the Public Utilities Commission to approve the Xcel Energy IRP as a pathway to meeting carbon reduction goals, boosting carbon free energy through additional renewable resources, encouraging technological improvements through research and development, and providing our energy needs without sacrificing reliable and affordable power.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the IRP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lloyd Hilgart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lloyd" and last name "Hilgart" clearly distinguishable.

Lloyd Hilgart

Mayor of Monticello

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