

December 1, 2020

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

Don't step backward. Minnesota is the best state in the country because of our clean water and air.

Sincerely,

Dan Iverson

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

December 12, 2020

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I'm an Xcel customer in South Minneapolis, and I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed "natural" gas plants coming up for a vote before our Public Utilities Commission.

I cannot understand the reasoning behind the proposed plants when we are in the midst of a climate crisis.

Please put the anticipated \$1 billion into advancing energy storage technologies, and research to reduce the dependence of fossil fuels.

Say "NO" to fossil gas. Say "NO to fracking." Enough is enough.

Sincerely,

Margaret Hirsch-O'Loughlin
Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

December 29, 2020

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I understand the need for a power solution when renewable is not available, but a \$1b plant is not a stop-gap. It's a full pledge to continue fossil fuel energy as the main source. Make it cheaper for you and do the right thing at the same time - spend the money on green alternatives and use existing fossil fuel plants as the stop-gap.

Sincerely,

Ryan VanDomelen
Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

December 29, 2020

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I am an Excel customer in Minneapolis. I oppose the new gas power plant. We need to focus our resources toward long term, carbon neutral energy. I have used my bicycle for transportation since the 70's.

Sincerely,

Martin

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

January 2, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I am an Xcel customer from Minneapolis. I oppose Xcel's new resource plan because the inclusion of fossil fuels puts our collective need to reduce global heating out of reach. This plan makes Xcel dependent on gas supplies who have repeatedly demonstrated an unwillingness to address methane leaks. This plan makes Xcel's own goals and commitment to a carbon free future unachievable.

Sincerely,

Jason Voskuil

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

January 6, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I am opposed to building a new fossil gas plant in Becker, MN. As a mother and grandmother, I am extremely concerned about the future for all of our children and grandchildren. Climate change is real and its impacts are devastating on many levels. Fossil fuels accelerate climate change and bring massive amounts of pollution to our air and water. While it is too late for my generation to change the past trajectory of this planetary disaster, it is our collective responsibility to help put the brakes on adding "more fuel" to the crisis we are facing.

It's past time to look beyond short term, dirty energy sources and invest in clean energy. I, for one, want to be able to look my children and grandchildren in the eye and say, "I am sorry for what my generation of leaders has done to our planet and I am hopeful that we will support your generations in leading us to better and more sustainable energy sources. You deserve better from your elders. I love you and I love our precious planet."

Sincerely,

Linda Winsor

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

January 15, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I am an Xcel customer from Minneapolis. I oppose Xcel's plan to build a gas-powered plant in Becker. As a parent, worried about climate change, I think Minnesota should do its part as soon as it can. I don't want us to find clean energy solutions. When opportunities present themselves, like the closing of the coal plants, we should switch to sustainable energy options. We need to take the long view, get creative with how we make up the difference, and make the switch now.

Sincerely,

Damian Johnson

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

January 15, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

It is totally irrational for Xcel Energy or MN Power to build fossil fuel power plants as the planet faces a very short deadline (10 years) for ending fossil fuel and other CO2 emissions that are destroying life on earth. Clean energy is less expensive. You owe it to MN customers to save the planet and save us money. Please side with Minnesotans against proposals that benefit only corporate profit margins.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Beckel

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

January 15, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

You need to be a leader in green energy.

Do not permit these new fossil energy power plants. I expect you to back and support the production of clean energy. Which is also less expensive.

We're tired of having to watch-dog you into doing the right thing. We're tired of you being in the pocket of Big Dirty Energy. Clean energy is the future. Be a part of it.

Sincerely,

Joe Hesla

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

January 15, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

If we don't reduce the use of fossil fuels including fossil gas, a recent report in Nature indicates that our MN crop yields will decrease 49% for corn, 41% for soy and 21% for wheat. This is not including crop loss due to both increased flooding and increased drought. It's crazy to build additional gas plants. Please find another way. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Lee H. Stocking

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

January 15, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

It is indisputably crazy to build new fossil fuel infrastructure during this time of mass extinction and where the future of humanity is in jeopardy. Only someone with a death wish for themselves and their children and grandchildren would approve this project.

Sincerely,

John Baptist Schmid

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

January 15, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I am a Minneapolis resident and Xcel customer. I greatly oppose their plan to build a new fossil fuel plant. Climate change is real and we need to use less fossil fuel not more. Building it would offset the efforts being made in wind and solar power, and in electric vehicles. The plant would be obsolete before it's life expectancy is up and that cost would be passed onto consumers. But more importantly, the carbon that would be put into the air is another nail in the coffin for our planet. Look at the forest fires burning in California and the hurricanes erupting with more and more frequency. That is climate change. Please, please, do not allow this to be built. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian C. PaStarr

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

January 15, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I am an Xcel Energy customer from Minneapolis and have been for many years. I am dismayed to learn that Xcel Energy plans to build a new fossil gas plant that will pollute our air. Xcel had promised to do otherwise, to promote clean energy solutions, but now it is trying to renege on that promise. This is very disheartening. Please re-consider and keep our environment clean by only building plants that are fossil fuel free.

Sincerely,

Laurel Bangs

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

January 15, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

Minnesota needs to lead the way to eliminate the reliance on fossil fuels. I oppose the building of any more power plants based on fossil fuel use. Climate disruption and environmental racism are my main reasons for the opposition. We need to be retooling and re-imagining a fossil free future, NOW.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Huebner
Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

January 17, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I am an Xcel customer from Hopkins. I oppose Xcel's new resource plan because the market for fossil gas is rapidly disappearing. The proposed gas plant will not be able to pay for itself and that cost will shift onto the consumer. I support Xcel's efforts to use renewable energy, but I do not support the building of this gas plant.

Sincerely,

Rebecca H. Fobes

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

January 17, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

We – the entire PLANET – have less than 9 years to revamp our energy infrastructure to avoid climate disaster. If you do not work towards changing to a green economy, you are culpable for destroying our children's future. We are already experiencing the negative impacts in losing our deep freeze in January with increased spread of disease in plant and animal life, and decreased snow cover that plants need (as do winter recreation businesses). We cannot allow another (fossil fuel) gas plant in MN; there are too many costs:

- Large quantities of methane are emitted during the extraction of fossil gas; this methane is 60 times worse than emitting simple CO₂ and remains in the air for years.
- Fracking pollutes ground water resources; pipeline breaks have resulted in the contamination of ground water. We need water to live.
- Investment in fossil fuel that are destroying our climate takes away resources that need to be invested in renewable energy sources that create local jobs.
- When the change to renewable energy economy is complete, businesses will leave stranded assets that pollute, and MN will likely bear the cleanup cost.

It is time for the PUC to face the reality of climate change and your responsibility to protect MN's people, water, flora and fauna – and stop being a rubber stamp for businesses that are literally destroying the planet.

NO new gas infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Dvorak
Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

January 17, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I am opposed to Xcel Energy's plans to build a new fossil gas plant because we are at a critical tipping point in the climate crisis, and now is the time to decarbonize our industries and invest in renewable energy solutions. The future of my generation and the generations below me relies on the decision to take a stand against fossil fuels, and the time to take that stand is now.

We only have one Earth, and I am asking all of the commissioners on the Minnesota Public Utility Commission to prevent it from being harmed any further by fossil fuels like those that would be emitted from this plant. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Leah Stillman

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

January 17, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

NO more fracking, no more new fossil fuel plants! It is time to convert to investments in renewable energies. The climate clock is ticking out! New fossil fuel plants opened now will hardly be permitted to run long enough to justify their cost.

Sincerely,

Kristina Boerger

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

January 18, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

As an Xcel Customer from Minneapolis, Minnesota, I am concerned that the Public Utility Commission is even considering allowing Xcel to build a new fossil gas plant in Becker MN. This will accelerate the global climate crisis even more. Because the market for fossil gas is rapidly disappearing and this new gas plant will not be able to pay for itself, this action makes no sense and will bring up consumer's energy bills. Therefore, I am asking you not to approve this very bad idea.

Sincerely,

Christine Mary Popowski
Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

January 21, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

As an Xcel customer I'm glad to see that Xcel's stated goal is to be carbon-free. I'm so glad they have the wind and solar sources they do. But they won't meet their goal if they build any new gas plants. To make matters worse, the methane gas plants produce is much more effective at warming the planet than the carbon dioxide coal burning produces. I won't be here to see the results of your decision, but my grandchildren will, and so will yours.

And global warming isn't the only problem with gas plants. Xcel is telling Colorado customers nearly the opposite of what it's telling Minnesota customers - that the company won't add more fracked gas in order to avoid massive costs to ratepayers.

I can't buy my energy from any other utility: Xcel is my monopoly supplier. I don't want to pay more for my power, and I surely don't want to contribute to global warming so Xcel can write off their investment.

Please do not grant a permit to Xcel to build any new gas plants. Protect the environment our grandchildren will inherit.

Sincerely,

MaryTheresa Downing
Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

February 2, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I live in St. Paul and am advocating for 100% clean energy. It concerns me that Xcel Energy is applying for more fossil fuel plants.

We are already seeing the effects of climate change. I am asking that Xcel and others turn to renewable energy to prevent and begin to reverse climate change.

Sincerely,

Katherine DuGarm

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

February 2, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I have been concerned about climate change ever since I first heard about it in 1985. We have procrastinated on action to go fossil fuel free for way too long, but I am heartened that we are finally seeing progress. Renewable energy has come down in price so remarkably that we should be able to get to 100% clean energy within a decade. Excel's proposed new gas fired plant takes us in the wrong direction. Although I understand the rationale for it--that the sun is not always shining and the wind is not always blowing--but with demand management and increased investment in conservation, I am confident we can avoid the need for it. More and more electrical consumers are coming to understand the critical need for getting off fossil fuels and are motivated to do their part by participating in demand management and energy efficiency programs. We can do it without a new gas power plant!

Sincerely,

Lois Braun

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

February 2, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I am an Xcel customer in St. Paul, and mother of two elementary school girls. I am strongly opposed to the construction of a new fossil gas plant in Minnesota because I want my girls to have the best chance they can of pursuing their dreams, not living in a world wracked by climate catastrophe. In order to protect their future, we must stop building fossil fuel infrastructure immediately. Infrastructure forms the foundation of the space in which people make decisions. We must focus on building infrastructure that moves consistently toward fossil-free energy, rather than continuing to keep fossil fuel as the default source of energy and reinforcing fossil fuel habits. We must bend our ingenuity to working within the parameters of renewable energy sources, not to developing ever more elaborate and destructive ways of extracting fossil fuels.

I urge you to scrap Xcel's plan to build a fossil gas plant in Becker and to remain consistent with being fossil fuel free by 2050.

Sincerely,

Tracy Kugler

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

February 8, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

Xcel Energy must accelerate its shift to clean energy! My children are already facing a difficult future without our continued use of fossil fuels. The proposed fossil gas plant would only make our climate change situation worse.

Sincerely,

Paul Harding

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

February 9, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

Xcel wants to build a gas plant about five years from now. Yet every week, I read another story about a new utility scale project based on renewables and energy storage. In Nov. 2020, the largest utility in neighboring Wisconsin (WEC Energy Group) announced that they would be retiring 1800 MW of fossil fuel generation and replacing it with 1500 MW of clean energy and storage all within the next 5 years! Why? According to utility CEO Gale Klappa, it's because it saves ratepayers money and makes investors money!

If that's not enough, consider that we constantly hear that the world's leading scientists are telling us that this is the pivotal decade for avoiding the worst impacts of climate change. We have a small window of time before we commit to consequences that scientists tell us will last for millennia. Politicians are starting to get this and will increasingly price this in - even though new fossil fuel power generation is already more expensive - and the gap is expected to continue to grow exponentially. If this fossil fuel plant is to be built, could you please explain how it wouldn't become a stranded asset very early in its life, leaving all of us stuck with paying for a billion dollar white elephant. Please do not let Xcel build a new gas plant.

Thanks,

David Stein
St. Paul 350

February 9, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

Let's step up and face the challenge of global warming and air and water pollution. We have the resources and technology to avoid creating new fossil fuel power systems.

As leaders are you willing to do everything it takes to avert climate catastrophe? How can the people of Minnesota help you do what needs to be done?

Sincerely,

Amy Storbakken

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

February 9, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

Building another fossil fuel plant is not sustainable as the relative cost of more renewables continues to decrease while the costs of global warming from fossil fuels increase. Let's make dependency on fossil fuels history and build a future with non-fossil renewable energy.

Sincerely,

John Oberhausen

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

February 9, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I am against Xcel's plan for another gas plant. That's dirty money on a short lived plan. Can we forget fossil fuels yet? Y'all are all about energy but can't put enough in to come up with a plan that's long lasting, sustainable, and not gonna kill the earth. Be better. For a cheap scheme that we see right through, it's at a stupid 300\$ million more expensive than the clean energy we want.... I don't even understand why I'm writing this. The answer is blatantly obvious. We want clean energy. And that's what you should be proposing in 2021.

Sincerely,

Michaela

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

February 9, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I support St Paul350 and the city of St Paul's efforts to stop any new fossil fuel infrastructure. As a more than 50-year customer of Xcel I resisted Sherco three's construction in my position is the same regarding the Becker fracked fossil gas plant. We now more fully understand the effect coal has had on our climate and our air quality. Fracking fossil gas falls in the same category and is untenable as part of a zero carbon future.

We are in the middle of a pandemic in which thousands of people are dying worldwide every day. There are predictions that unless we stop our emissions quickly we will soon face comparable losses from climate change on a continuous and worsening basis.

We cannot survive with a cautious business as usual approach to our dire situation. Do the right thing and act for all of our future now.

Sincerely,

Robert W Frank
Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

February 11, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

Xcel wants to build a gas plant about five years from now. Yet every week, I read another story about a new utility scale project based on renewables and energy storage. In Nov. 2020, the largest utility in neighboring Wisconsin (WEC Energy Group) announced that they would be retiring 1800 MW of fossil fuel generation and replacing it with 1500 MW of clean energy and storage all within the next 5 years! Why? According to utility CEO Gale Klappa, it's because it saves ratepayers money and makes investors money!

If that's not enough, consider that we constantly hear that the world's leading scientists are telling us that this is the pivotal decade for avoiding the worst impacts of climate change. We have a small window of time before we commit to consequences that scientists tell us will last for millennia. Politicians are starting to get this and will increasingly price this in - even though new fossil fuel power generation is already more expensive - and the gap is expected to continue to grow exponentially. If this fossil fuel plant is to be built, could you please explain how it wouldn't become a stranded asset very early in its life, leaving all of us stuck with paying for a billion dollar white elephant. Please do not let Xcel build a new fracked gas plant.

Sincerely,

Sean Cullen

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

February 18, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I am an Xcel customer from Minneapolis. I oppose Xcel's new resource plan because the market for fossil gas is rapidly disappearing. The proposed gas plant will not be able to pay for itself and that cost will shift onto the consumer.

Sincerely,

Darren Campbell

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

February 18, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

As an Xcel customer, I am opposed to a new fossil fuel gas plant. At a time when climate change is getting worse, I find no need for a fossil gas plant that would only make the problem worse. Plus the fact that this fracked gas plant would cost more than renewable energy and the ratepayers would be picking up the bill for the added cost.

Therefore I am saying no to a fossil gas plant.

Sincerely,

Christine Popowski
Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

March 2, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I am a young adult and I hope to live several more decades. My ability to do that – and the planet's ability to continue to support human life, including mine, during that time – is dependent on getting a handle on climate change and mitigating the disaster that is the climate crisis. Allowing new energy plants that still use fossil fuels is the opposite of what we need to do in order to protect our future and the future of our planet. I oppose the new Xcel plant for that reason.

Sincerely,

Linnea Peterson

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

March 27, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I'm a low-income senior citizen on a shrinking fixed-income. I cannot afford to pay for increasing energy costs that are potentially harmful to my health, the environment, and my economic well-being. Electric cars won't be available here for many years. I cannot afford increasing natural gas or increasing electricity costs.

Your attention to my concerns will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sue Kohls Shetka

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

March 31, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

We need a power plant that will honor our need to protect our air and that will not be illegal before it is even paid for.

Sincerely,

Dianne Zepeda

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

April 8, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

My husband and I have bought solar panels for our house, paid windsourc rates so Xcel could expand wind farms, and invested in alternate energy so society can move away from fossil fuels. Frack gas is going backward!

Sincerely,

Anne Peiffer

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

April 12, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I am one of so many Minnesotans who don't want more fossil fuels in our state. This Xcel proposal to build a huge new fossil fuel plant here is definitely the wrong direction for Minnesota planners to be going. We know--yes, we all KNOW-- that renewable energy is both more effective and efficient in the long run and necessary to divert climate catastrophes in the present and future. We need sustainable energy that we can count on to provide heat and cooling in our homes and buildings. We need it for our transportation and marketing, etc. Fossil fuels served us in the past, but at a cost to our health, our environment, and our world that we have discovered too late. And they are failing us. More and longer outages, more "accidents," So now, we need to build for our future, our children's future, with sustainable, clean energy, Not fossil fuels.

Sincerely,

Diane Brown

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

April 27, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I am an Xcel customer from Minneapolis. I oppose Xcel's new resource plan because I don't think it can pay for itself. I am a senior citizen on a fixed income and I don't want to see increases in my bills to pay for an unnecessary fracked gas plant.

Sincerely,

Elene Loecher

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

April 27, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I am an Xcel customer from St. Paul. Large funds are divesting from fossil fuels. I object to the proposed gas plant, as it will become a stranded asset and cost customers for years, paying off this expense we cannot use and do not want.

Sincerely,

Katherine DuGarm

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

April 28, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I am an Xcel customer and I vehemently oppose the building of a new fossil gas plant that would emit 3.6 million metric tons of carbon annually. I am counting on you to do the right thing, which is to protect our environment for future generations. The time is now and it is urgent to move entirely to green renewable energy sources. Please be a leader. The technology and the market is ready, and the need is dire, to move away from fossil fuels and toward renewables.

Sincerely,

Amy M Lindquist

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter

May 8, 2021

RE: Docket No. E002/RP-19-368, In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

Hello, I'm an Xcel customer from Lake Elmo. I oppose Xcel's new resource plan because the climate can't take the burning of more fossil fuels. The proposed gas plant will not be able to pay for itself, and that cost will shift onto the consumer. I don't want to see increases in my bills to pay for an unnecessary fracked gas plant. For the sake of your customers, the climate, and your own profit, please switch to 100% renewable energy.

Thank you.

Joseph Wenzel

Xcel Energy customer, Energy We Can't Afford supporter