

December 1, 2021

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Mr. Will Seuffert  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: **In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy for a Route Permit for the West 345 kV transmission line for the Sherco Solar Project in Sherburne County.**  
**Docket No. E-002/TL-21-189**

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**In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy for a Site Permit for the up to 460 MW Sherco Solar Project in Sherburne County.**  
**Docket No. E-002/GS-21-191**

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy (“Xcel Energy”) is proposing to construct an up to 460-megawatt (“MW”) solar project (“Solar Project”) and two 345 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission lines to interconnect the Solar Project to the grid (collectively the “Project”). Xcel Energy submitted its Permit Application (“Application”) to the Commission for a Site Permit and two Route Permits for the Project in the above referenced dockets on April 20, 2021.

After submittal of the Application, Xcel Energy coordinated with the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis unit, the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture regarding the draft Vegetation Management Plan and also coordinated with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture regarding the draft Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan. The original Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan and Vegetation Management Plan were originally submitted as Appendices F and G of the Application. Xcel Energy has revised the following Appendices to its Application to address agency comments received during the coordination activities:

1. Appendix F – Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan; and

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2. Appendix G – Vegetation Management Plan; and

The documents referenced above have also been e-filed today through [www.edockets.state.mn.us](http://www.edockets.state.mn.us). A copy of this filing is also being served upon the persons on the Official Service Lists of record. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

FREDRIKSON & BYRON, P.A.  
*ATTORNEYS FOR NG RENEWABLES*

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Enclosures

**Certificate of Service**

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Breann L. Jurek certifies that on the 1st day of December 2021, she e-filed on behalf of Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy true and correct copies of the following documents:

1. Revised Appendix F – Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan;
2. Revised Appendix G – Vegetation Management Plan; and
3. Certificate of Service.

A copy has also been served on the individuals listed on the attached service lists.

Executed on: December 1, 2021

*Signed: /s/ Breann L. Jurek*  
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