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Will Seuffert

Executive Secretary

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 7th Place E., Suite 350

St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Docket No. E-002/M-21-694 / In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Resilient Minneapolis Project – Petition for Approval for Updated Costs

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

The Institute for Local Self-Reliance (ILSR) respectfully submits the following comments on the Resilient Minneapolis Project.

Primarily, ILSR believes that this project is in the public interest, to demonstrate resilience benefits of clean energy in historically marginalized communities. With that in mind, it's disappointing that Xcel Energy has withdrawn its request for approval of funding and that it's unclear the degree to which this request reflects a conversation with project partners, including the City of Minneapolis and the project sites. As a member of the Energy Vision Advisory Committee to the city-utility Clean Energy Partnership, for example, I didn't hear of the decision until it had been filed publicly by Xcel.

Rather than have the Commission approve the utility's request, ILSR would like to see Xcel meet with the Project stakeholders to discuss the future of the project, and then to come back to the Commission with a joint petition regarding the future of the program.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment; we appreciate that there has not been any legislative preemption of this regulatory process.

Sincerely,

/s/

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