

## Staff Briefing Papers

Meeting Date	<b>November 30, 2017</b>	Agenda Item *1
Company	Xcel Energy	
Docket No.	<b>G002/M-16-382 and G002/M-17-341</b>	
	In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2015/2016 Annual Gas Service Quality Report	
Issue	1. Should the Commission Accept Xcel Energy's 2015/2016 Annual Gas Service Quality Report?	
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### Relevant Documents

### Date

Commission Order Accepting Xcel Energy's 2014 Gas Service Quality Report, Docket No. G002/M-15-406	October 23, 2015
Xcel Energy's Initial Filing 2015 Natural Gas Service Quality Performance Report. G002/M-16-382	May 2, 2016
Xcel Energy's Initial Filing 2016 Natural Gas Service Quality Performance Report. G002/M-17-341	May 1, 2017
Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce Division of Energy Resources.	September 1, 2017

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## **I. Statement of the Issues**

Should the Commission Accept Xcel Energy's 2015/2016 Annual Gas Service Quality Report?

## **II. Background**

On May 2, 2016, Xcel Energy filed its 2015 annual Gas Service Quality reports pursuant to Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7826. On May 17, 2016, the DOC informed the Commission that it lacked adequate resources to ensure careful review and analysis of the utilities' reports and requested an extension to file comments on the reports. When the utilities filed their 2016 reports in May of 2017, the DOC's workload was anticipated to return to a more manageable level. As such, the DOC determined it would be able to analyze both the 2015 and 2016 reports in 2017. The Commission granted the DOC's request that the comment deadlines be extended to coincide with the comment deadlines that will be set for the utilities' 2016 reports that were to be filed by May 1, 2017.

## **III. Parties' Comments**

**DOC:** Based on its review of Xcel's 2015 and 2016 Annual Natural Gas Service Quality Reports, the Department recommends that the Commission accept the 2015 and 2016 Reports.

**Xcel:** Xcel Energy respectfully requests the Commission accept the 2015 and 2016 Annual Natural Gas Service Quality Reports.

## **IV. Staff Analysis**

Staff agrees with the recommendation of the DOC at page 18 of its September 1, 2017 comments and accept Xcel's 2015 and 2016 Annual Natural Gas Service Quality Reports.

## **V. Decision Options**

1. Accept Xcel Energy's 2015/2016 Annual Gas Service Quality Reports.
2. Do not accept Xcel Energy's 2015/2016 Annual Gas Service Quality Reports.