

## INFORMATIONAL NOTICE ON PROCESS

Issued: January 10, 2019

### In the Matter of Updates to Solar\*Rewards and Tariff Modifications Implementing Rules on Cogeneration and Small Power Production

PUC Docket Number(s): **E002/M-13-1015**

**Background:**

On December 14, 2018, Xcel Energy filed an initial petition requesting the Commission approve the proposed tariff revisions to implement the [Deputy Commissioner's Decision](#)<sup>1</sup> in this docket; as well as, proposed clarifications under the [Section 9 net metering tariffs](#)<sup>2</sup> (see red-lined edits in Xcel's petition). As part of the red-lined edits, Xcel is proposing edits to align the Solar\*Rewards Contract rate code options with the updated rate code options from the Company's Section 9 net metering tariffs.

Xcel's petition also shows the Company's proposed edits in Docket No. E002/M-18-714 based on the [updated Minnesota Distributed Energy Resource Interconnection Process and Agreement \(MN DIP/MN DIA\)](#)<sup>3</sup> (see blue-lined edits in Xcel's petition). Comments on the blue-lined proposed tariff revisions are encouraged to be filed in this docket or in Docket No. E002/M-18-714.

The 2019 Solar\*Rewards Program will operate with a [Solar\\*Rewards Contract Amendment](#)<sup>4</sup> consistent with the red-lined edits in Xcel Energy's Initial Petition until the Commission approves tariff revisions. Comments on the proposed tariff revisions will not delay implementation of the Solar\*Rewards Program; nor will the blue-line edits go into effect without Commission or Department approval in Docket No. E002/M-18-714.

If a party wishes to comment or object to the red-lined tariff revisions or Xcel Energy's request to approve a 30-day negative check off process for approved amendments to the third-generation Solar\*Rewards contract and the

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<sup>1</sup> Department of Commerce, Decision (issued November 14, 2018; e-filed on November 21, 2018)

<sup>2</sup> Xcel Energy, Section 9 Cogeneration, as approved in Docket No. E002/M-16-222

<sup>3</sup> MN PUC, Notice of Updated Draft Minnesota Interconnection Process and Agreement and Associated Utility Tariff Dockets (November 30, 2018), E999/CI-16-521

<sup>4</sup> Xcel Energy, Contract Amendment (November 30, 2018). The Commission's September 25, 2015 Order in Docket No. E002/M-15-650 allows Xcel Energy to proceed with an amended Solar\*Rewards contract within 32 days under certain circumstances met in this instance since no objections were filed by January 2, 2019.

Solar\*Rewards Contract for Those Receiving Solar\*Rewards Incentives, those comments or objections should be filed within 30 days of the filing (i.e. January 14, 2019) (Minn. Rules 7829.1400)

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