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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 7th Place East #350 St Paul, MN 55101

Re: Docket #18-702

To whom it may concern,

The request from Xcel Energy to purchase the Mankato Energy Center from Southern Company has the support of Blue Earth County. Xcel Energy has been a respected employer and producer in our community and is well regarded by Blue Earth County.

We believe Xcel Energy has the capacity and capability to manage this facility and will be a positive step in their transition to all clean energy which is a goal supported by the County. Xcel's ownership will serve our communities by reducing carbon emissions and help to meet our energy needs well into the future.

Blue Earth County is happy to support Xcel Energy's ownership of the Mankato Energy Center and their request for approval from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Sincerely,

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Robert W. Meyer County Administrator

