



September 3, 2019

Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East; #350
St. Paul MN 55101

Dear Minnesota Public Utility Commission;

This letter is in support of the proposal from Xcel Energy to purchase the Mankato Energy Center from Southern Company. Xcel Energy has been a leader in the Mankato community for many years and has been a highly reliable partner in providing for the energy needs of the area.

As a local business with multiple facilities in the Mankato area, we have appreciated the reliable and affordable electricity provided through Xcel Energy. The proposed plan to purchase the Mankato Energy Center will ensure that area businesses continue to enjoy access to energy for many years to come. The purchase also makes sense from the standpoint that Xcel will be able to utilize existing electric transmission and natural gas infrastructure and therefore save significant dollars that can be passed on to their customers.

In closing, I hope that you will strongly consider approving this purchase to allow Xcel to build upon the already great service that they provide to our region.

Sincerely,

Randy Farrow
CEO, Mankato Clinic