

The Commission met on **Thursday, May 11, 2023** with Acting Chair Sullivan and Commissioners Means, Schuerger, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

E-002/M-20-406

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Annual Report on Safety, Reliability, and Service Quality and Petition for Approval of Electric Reliability Standards

E-002/CI-17-401

In the Matter of a Commission Investigation to Identify and Develop Performance Metrics and, Potentially, Incentives for Xcel Energy's Electric Utility Operations

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission:

1. Determine that the metrics displayed on the interactive map meet the requirement of the Commission's September 18, 2019, Order Establishing Performance Metrics to develop "future metrics" on Locational Reliability, Equity – Reliability, and Equity – Service Quality and the requirements of the Commission's February 9, 2022, Order Accepting Report and Setting Additional Requirements to display low-income energy efficiency program participation and energy bill assistance program participation.
2. Refer the matter of any additional metric development, including whether to set targets, back to Docket No. E002/CI-17-401 and take it up when the Commission considers next steps overall in that docket.
3. Require Xcel to conduct an analysis that examines whether there is a relationship between poor performance on the five identified metrics displayed on the interactive map and equity indicators. Require Xcel to file this analysis with its next service quality report due April 1, 2024.
4. If Xcel's analysis determines there are disparities in any of the five metrics displayed on the map, require Xcel to identify preliminary steps it could take to rectify the disparities and if Commission approval is required, where and when it would expect to file solutions. This should include an analysis of whether modifications to Xcel's Quality of Service Plan are necessary to address any identified disparities. Require Xcel to file this preliminary plan with its next service quality report due April 1, 2024.

The motion passed 4-0.

E-002/M-19-568

In the Matter of the Amended and Restated Elk Creek Solar Energy Purchase Agreement

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

1. Find that the cancellation of the Elk Creek Solar PPA was prudent.
2. Find that based on its review of the prudence of the Elk Creek Solar PPA cancellation, no adjustments to the conditions of cost recovery set forth in the April 14, 2023, Order are warranted.

The motion passed 4-0.

E002/M-21-222

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Approval of a Renewable*Connect Program Modification

E-002/M-19-33

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Approval of a Renewable*Connect Program

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

1. Approve Xcel Energy's updated Renewable Connect compliance items and corresponding tariff modifications as filed in Xcel's December 22, 2022, update and as corrected by the errata dated December 23, 2022.
2. Approve the following additional program modifications as outlined in Xcel's December 22, 2022, update and as corrected by the December 23, 2022, errata:
 - a. Elimination of the Renewable*Connect Bridge.
 - b. Addition of C-Bed wind Resource (Uilk) to the Month-to-Month Offering.
 - c. Modification of the customer enrollment process.
 - d. Shift in the transition timeline.
 - e. Change in the program name from Month-to-Month to Renewable*Connect Flex.
3. Require Xcel to address the following in the Company's 2023 R*C annual report to be filed on or before April 1, 2024:
 - a. How it will become less dependent on system energy and renewable energy credits (RECs) for the R*C MTM offering going forward.
 - b. The size of any waitlist for participation in the R*C program and Xcel's plans to serve those customers.

- c. An assessment and discussion of the Company's actual experience of the high off-peak program customer resource usage compared to resource availability.

The motion passed 4-0.

E-002/M-13-867

In the Matter of Northern States Power Company, dba Xcel Energy, for Approval of Its Proposed Community Solar Garden Program

Commission Sullivan moved that the Commission:

1. Modify the ARR formula by removing the compounding effect via Xcel's proposed methodology as explained in its April 10, 2023 reply comments and approve the 2023 ARR as calculated under the modified methodology.
2. Require Xcel to file a compliance filing with the required tariff modifications within 10 days of the issuance of this order, with an effective date being the first calendar date of the month following the date of the compliance filing.
3. Require Xcel to apply the 2022 ARR to ARR-era CSG production from April 1, 2023 until the effective date of the compliance tariff filing following the order adopting the 2023 ARR.
4. Within 90 days from the issuance date of this order, require Xcel to develop and file a detailed proposal for Commission consideration for switching ARR-era gardens to the appropriate VOS rate. The Commission delegates authority to the Executive Secretary to approve, via notice, requests to extend the deadline for making this compliance filing.

The motion passed 4-0.

E-002/M-13-867

In the Matter of the Petition by Northern States Power Company, dba Xcel Energy, for Approval of its Community Solar Garden Program

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission:

1. Continue to require the Company to file a quarterly compliance report disclosing the planned outages affecting CSGs.
2. Define planned outage as a temporary disconnection of a CSG that is arranged in advance of the outage, or that should have been arranged in advance by the Company. A planned outage includes, but is not limited to, planned hotline work that requires disconnection of dedicated power facilities, non-hotline work, outages due to

power quality issues, and feeder reconfigurations. A planned outage does not include an emergency outage.

The motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: August 30, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Seuffert", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary