

The Commission met on **Thursday, July 11, 2019** with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Lipschultz, Means, Schuerger, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

E002/M-19-33

In the Matter of Northern States Power Company's, d/b/a Xcel Energy, Petition to Expand its Renewable*Connect Program

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission:

1. Approve Xcel's petition to expand the Renewable*Connect pilot program into a full-time permanent offering, including the following:
 - a. The program structure, pricing methodology, and terms and conditions of the new offerings, with the following modifications:
 - i. Xcel must update the neutrality adjustment annually based on the most currently available information and must file specific details and supporting analysis in its annual program compliance reports;
 - ii. Xcel must provide a capacity credit for both month-to-month and long-term offer customers beginning in 2021 and without a discount factor ("percent retained"); and
 - iii. Renewable*Connect contract terms may be no more than ten years in length.
 - b. The tariff sheets for the new long-term offer, with the following modification:
 - i. Xcel must include in its tariff sheets for the long-term offer:
 1. the statement, "the neutrality charge is subject to change upon Commission order"; and
 2. a statement that there are 200 MW of capacity available for the program.
 - c. The transition of Windsource program customers to the ongoing month-to-month offer of the Renewable*Connect program.
 - d. The transition of month-to-month pilot customers to the ongoing month-to-month offer of Renewable*Connect, and the cancellation of the pilot Service Agreements for these customers.
 - e. The ability to utilize energy from a system wind resource during months of low wind production to support the new offerings balanced by excess wind production in months where generation exceeds usage.

- f. The allocation to Xcel's system of any excess energy from existing or new Renewable*Connect program resources and the recovery of excess energy costs through the fuel charge. However, Xcel is prohibited from recovering the costs of unsubscribed portions of the Renewable*Connect resources through the fuel clause adjustment without Commission approval in the fuel clause adjustment proceeding.
 - g. Use of a negative check-off process for amendments to the customer Service Agreement that may differ from an approved and tariffed version of the Service Agreement for the long-term offer of the Renewable*Connect program.
 - h. The proposed annual reporting components and tracker report template.
- 2. Require Xcel to file its initial final pricing for the Renewable*Connect program within 30 days of receiving Commission approval of its resource acquisitions for the program.
 - 3. In current and future resource plans, require Xcel to identify the resources dedicated to the Renewable*Connect program and provide a thorough discussion of the present and forecasted resources that are necessary to meet its present and future demand for the program.
 - 4. Require Xcel to include in annual compliance reports for the Renewable*Connect program:
 - a. A discussion of the rate relative to the fuel clause adjustment for each of the Renewable*Connect program offerings; and
 - b. An assessment and discussion of Xcel's actual experience of the high off-peak program customer resource usage compared to resource availability.

The motion passed 5–0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: September 4, 2019



Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary