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Response To: MN Office Energy Security Information Request No. 5A
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Question:

Regarding Xcel's recently approved Nobles wind project, please provide an estimate of the percentage of the gross revenue requirements over the life of the project that will flow to residents residing in and businesses headquartered and/or with significant operations and staff in the county (Nobles) where the project is located.

Response:

Due to the many variables associated with wind project expenditures, we are unable to track the flow of all dollars that may or may not benefit local residents and businesses. For example, we have an estimate of total construction costs, but we do not know to what extent the general contractor (Mortenson Construction Company) will utilize subcontractors from the local project area, as opposed to other areas of the state or from another state.

We have taken a look at what portion of the gross revenue requirements might result from payments to landowners, property taxes and production taxes, and estimate it to be about [BEING TRADE SECRET: END TRADE SECRET]

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