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STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION PLANNING MEETING ON E21
RECOMMENDATIONS AND XCEL ROADMAP FILING**

Issued: February 13, 2015

TO: Service list in Docket E-002/M-14-1055 and other interested persons

DATE: Thursday, February 26, 2015

TIME: 2:00 pm

LOCATION: Public Utilities Commission Large Hearing Room
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul MN 55101-2147

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BACKGROUND AND AGENDA OVERVIEW:

On December 18, 2014, the e21 Initiative¹ issued its Phase 1 report entitled: *Charting a Path to a 21st Century Energy System in Minnesota*. On December 22, 2014, Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy, filed a request with the Commission (in Docket No. E-002/M-14-1055) for a planning meeting to discuss its proposed “roadmap” for supporting the e21 initiative.

A. **E21 Recommendations:** The e21 Phase 1 Report expressed the intent to move into a Phase 2 process to work out further details for implementing the Phase 1 recommendations. The Report stated that the precise timeline for Phase 2 would depend on several factors, including (1) endorsement of the process by the Commission, (2) willingness of participants to continue with the effort, (3) funding, and (4) the speed with which participants work out the details of implementing a multi-year, performance-based regulatory approach. The Report stated the group expects to work with the Commission, Department of Commerce, e21 stakeholders, and

¹ The e21 Initiative describes itself as a group that aims to develop a more customer-centric and sustainable framework for utility regulation in Minnesota that better aligns how utilities earn revenue with public policy goals, new customer expectations, and changing in technology. The Initiative was convened by the Great Plains Institute, Center for Energy and Environment, Energy Systems Consulting Services, George Washington University Law School, Xcel, and Minnesota Power.

others to develop implementation strategies and details for issues raised, but not fully addressed, in Phase 1.

The Commission requests that e21 representatives provide an approximately 30 minute overview of: (1) its Phase 1 recommendations, describing the problems the Initiative identified and how the recommendations in its Report would address those problems, and (2) the status of the e21 initiative, including its plans, progress, and timelines for Phase 2, addressing the four factors noted above which e21 identified as keys to the precise timeline for implementation.

B. Xcel Roadmap Filing: Xcel requested an opportunity to discuss its roadmap filing at a Commission planning meeting to answer questions and elaborate on the roadmap.

The Commission requests that Xcel provide an approximately 20 minute presentation to further explain its roadmap filing, how its proposal implements the e21 recommendations, and the timing and sequence of its proposed next steps.

C. Questions and Answers: The balance of the meeting time will be dedicated to questions to e21 and Xcel by Commissioners and staff. There may be a brief opportunity at the end of the meeting for questions from interested persons.

No substantive Commission decisions will be made at this meeting.

Access to Documents: The Xcel roadmap filing, which includes a copy of the e21 phase 1 report, and other documents filed in the docket are available at mn.gov/puc, select *Search eDockets*, enter the year (14) and the docket number (1055) and select *Search*. You may also download the e21 report directly from the Great Plains Institute website: <http://www.betterenergy.org/e21-Phase1-Report>. **Subscribe to the Docket:** Receive email notification when new documents are filed in this docket at mn.gov/puc, select *Subscribe to a Docket*, and follow the prompts.

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