

## NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

*Issued: August 22, 2017*

### In the Matter of Petition for Approval of an Amendment to the HERC PPA

**PUC Docket Number/s:** E002/M-17-532

**Comment Period:** Initial comment period closes September 11, 2017 at 4:30 pm

*Comments must be received by 4:30 pm on the close date*

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#### Topic/s Open for Comment:

- If a PPA extension is not approved or otherwise in effect by December 31, 2017, what terms and conditions should govern HERC (Hennepin County Energy Recovery Center) sales to Xcel Energy as of January 1, 2018 until there is a PPA extension in place?
- If the Commission were to ask Xcel Energy and HERC to further negotiate the rates and terms of the PPA extension or to go to arbitration, what specific issues and outcomes should the Commission require be addressed in such negotiations or arbitration?
- Are there other project-related issues or concerns?

**Project Background:** Minn. Stat. § 216B.1645 governs Commission authority on and cost recovery for Power Purchase Agreements. Minn. Stat. § 216B.164 defines qualifying facilities in cogeneration and small power production.

On June 30, 2017, Xcel Energy filed a petition to extend the HERC PPA.

The Department of Commerce provided comments on August 2, 2017.

On August 14, 2017, reply comments were submitted by Hennepin County and Xcel Energy.

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