

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Issued: August 16, 2019

In the Matter of In the Matter of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Integrated Resource Plan

PUC Docket Number(s): E002/RP-19-368

OAH Docket Number: 71-2500-36249

Background: On July 18, 2019, the Commission issued an order directing Xcel Energy to provide notice of its public meetings in this matter to all of its customers, governing bodies of municipalities, counties, local governing bodies, and Minnesota Tribal Nations in the Company's Minnesota service area. The Commission also directed Xcel Energy to develop an advertisement plan for the Company's Minnesota service territory that may include social media, electronic, print, or other forms of public notice. The Commission delegated authority to its Executive Secretary to approve these notices.

Xcel has electronically (informally) submitted for review the public hearing notice it proposes to use for notice to customers. Xcel worked with Commission staff in the development of this notice.

This notice (please see attached) is **APPROVED**, and may be used as appropriate for: (1) a customer notice, (2) the notice to municipalities, counties, and other local governing bodies, (3) content of newspaper display advertisements, and (4) content of other advertising including social media.

Filing Requirements: Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies are **required** to file documents using the Commission's electronic filing system (eFiling). All parties, participants and interested persons are encouraged to use eFiling: mn.gov/puc, select *eFiling*, and follow the prompts.

Full Case Record: See all documents filed in this docket via the Commission's website at mn.gov/puc, select *Search eDockets*, enter the year (19) and the docket number (368), select *Search*.

Subscribe to receive email notification when new documents are filed in this docket at mn.gov/puc, select *Subscribe*, and follow the prompts.

Questions about this docket or Commission process and procedure? Contact Commission staff, Hanna Terwilliger, at hanna.terwilliger@state.mn.us or 651-201-2243.

Change your mailing preferences: Email docketing.puc@state.mn.us or call 651-201-2204.

To request this document in another format such as large print or audio, call 651.296.0406 (voice). Consumers with a hearing or speech disability may contact us via their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service or email consumer.puc@state.mn.us for assistance.

2020-2034 Upper Midwest Energy Plan NOTICE OF INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN FILING AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

On July 1, 2019, Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, filed its 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Energy Plan, also known as its Integrated Resource Plan or IRP with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission). Xcel Energy is required to file an IRP with the Commission that outlines how it plans to generate electricity for the next 15 years. Xcel Energy is committed to continue delivering clean, reliable energy to customers in the Upper Midwest while also keeping bills low. Xcel Energy's Upper Midwest Energy Plan outlines how the company plans to reduce carbon emissions by more than 80 percent by 2030. The plan proposes to close all of the company's coal units in the Upper Midwest a decade ahead of schedule, ensure reliable, affordable energy by extending the use of nuclear energy at the Monticello plant, use cleaner natural gas, and increase wind and solar energy installations. The plan also calls to build on energy efficiency programs and work with customers on new demand response options to help manage energy load at times of high system usage.

The Commission oversees the resource planning process and makes a final determination on Xcel Energy's plan after input from stakeholders, government agencies, and the public. Now that Xcel Energy has filed its plan, interested stakeholders, members of the public, and state agencies can review the plan and file comments with the Commission. The Commission will then consider input from these groups, and at a public meeting, will approve, change, or reject Xcel Energy's plan.

In reviewing a proposed resource plan, the Commission evaluates whether the resource options and plans are able to: (1) maintain or improve the adequacy and reliability of service, (2) keep the customers' bills as low as possible, given regulatory and other constraints, (3) minimize adverse socioeconomic and environmental effects, (4) enhance the utility's ability to respond to changes affecting its operations, and (5) limit the risk of adverse effects on customers and the utility that the utility cannot control.

Public Meetings

Based on the high level of interest in Xcel Energy's plan, the Commission has decided to hold public meetings. Administrative Law Judge Jessica Palmer-Denig will hold five public meetings regarding the Xcel Energy's Upper Midwest Energy Plan. You are invited to attend these public meetings and provide input. You do not need to be represented by an attorney.

Monday, October 21, 2019 at 2pm.

Sabathani Community Center, Target Banquet Center
310 East 38th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55409

Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7pm.

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Minneapolis, MN 55409

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 7pm.

St. Cloud Holiday Inn & Suites – Heritage Room
75 37th Avenue South
St. Cloud, Minnesota 56301

Monday, October 28, 2019 at 7pm.

Dayton’s Bluff Recreation Center, Auditorium
800 Conway Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55106

Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 7pm.

Mankato Civic Center, Reception Hall
1 Civic Center Plaza
Mankato, Minnesota 56001

Bad weather? Find out if a meeting is canceled – call (toll-free) 1-855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit mn.gov/puc.

Submit Written Comments

If you are unable to attend a public meeting, you may submit comments to the Commission throughout the Comment Period. Public Comments are accepted through **January 8, 2020** at 4:30 p.m. Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.

Public Comments should include your name, city and state and can be submitted in the following ways:

1. **Online:** Visit www.mn.gov/puc, select *Speak Up!* Find Docket No. 19-368 and add your comments to the discussion.
2. **Email:** Email your comments to consumer.puc@state.mn.us. Please make sure you include the Docket Number 19-368.
3. **eDockets:** Use the Commission’s eFiling system – go to www.mn.gov/puc, select “eFiling,”

4. **U.S. Mail:**

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Important: Comments will be made available to the public on the Commission’s website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The Commission does not edit or delete personally identifying information from submissions.

Accommodations

If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in these meetings (e.g., sign language or large print materials), please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 651-361-7000 (voice) or 651-361-7878 (TTY) at least one week in advance of the meeting.

How to Learn More

Xcel Energy’s website contains an overview of the Upper Midwest Energy Plan, including filing materials, workshop materials and additional resources.

Xcel Energy

414 Nicollet Mall

Minneapolis, MN 55401

Phone: 1-800-895-4999

Web: xcelenergy.com/UpperMidwestEnergyPlan (Select Minnesota)

You can also read the filing submitted to the Commission and records of party input through the Commission’s online filing system, eDockets. Go to <http://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> enter “19” in the year field and “368” in the number field, select *Search* and a list of documents will appear on the next page.

The Commission’s webpage, <https://mn.gov/puc/energy/resource-planning/>, contains additional information on the resource planning process. If you have additional questions about the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission’s review process:

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