

NOTICE OF OBJECTION PERIOD

Issued: April 20, 2026

In the Matter of the Petition for Approval of an Electric Service Agreement between Google and Minnesota Power

In the Matter of the Petition for Approval of an Electric Service Agreement between Google and Xcel Energy

PUC Docket Number(s): E-015/M-26-159

E-002/M-26-170

Comment Period: Initial objection period closes April 24, 2026 at 4:30pm

Reply comment period closes April 29, 2026 at 4:30pm

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Issue: Should the Commission authorize, via the Consent Agenda, the Department of Commerce's request to incur costs for specialized technical services under Minn. Stat. §216B.62 Subd. 8?

Background

On April 14, 2026, the Department of Commerce filed a request in both dockets for authorization to incur costs for specialized technical services to analyze the allocation of costs related to connecting data centers to the electrical grid in Minnesota. The Department states this analysis will involve a comprehensive evaluation of two Electric Service Agreements (ESAs) for these data centers. The scope of work will focus on identifying, tracking, and appropriately assigning the costs and revenues associated with integrating these large loads. The Department's current request is for \$250,000. The Department requests that the Commission approve this request via the Consent Agenda.

On March 27, 2026, Minnesota Power filed a Petition with the Commission for approval of an ESA between itself and Harmony Group, LLC, a subsidiary of Alphabet, Inc. (Google), pursuant to Minn. Stat. 216B.05 (Docket No. E015/M-26-159).

On April 15, 2026, Xcel Energy filed a Petition with the Commission for approval of an ESA between the Company and Echo Zone, LLC, a subsidiary of Google, LLC (Docket No. E002/M-26-170).

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**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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Docket Number

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Dated this 20th day of April, 2026

/s/ Anne Redmond

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