

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 2 p.m.

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

Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7 p.m.

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310 East 38th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55409

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 7 p.m.

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

Monday, October 28, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center, Auditorium
800 Conway Street
St. Paul, MN 55106

Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Mankato Civic Center, Reception Hall
1 Civic Center Plaza
Mankato, MN 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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Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

Citizens with hearing or speech impairment may call through their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service.