1. Is there a more detailed map of the gas utility lines in the area of our project? We are trying to determine the nearest interconnection point possible.

A map of existing pipelines in your area can be found on the National Pipeline Mapping System website (https://www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov/) by clicking on “Use Public Map Viewer”, then selecting your state and county in the drop down menus.

2. In regard to a potential interconnection point, would Xcel Energy be willing to bring the interconnection point to our RNG project or somewhere nearby?

We are expecting responses to the RFI to describe the natural gas interconnection facilities associated with your RNG project, to include size, length and location of the lateral, if required, to interconnect with the pipeline system that the RNG will be delivered into. This information should also include an estimate of the costs for these interconnection facilities which will be included in the overall cost of the project development. Please include in your response all the assumptions that were made when deriving the estimated costs of the interconnection facilities.

3. Does renewable hydrogen (H2) fit into your RFI definition of RNG (Renewable Natural Gas)?

At this time, customer appliances and pipeline infrastructure in our service territories generally do not support direct or blended hydrogen combustion. However, hydrogen resources are relevant to Xcel Energy’s long term strategy and we are interested in learning more about pilot projects and projects that are in development. Renewable hydrogen developers are encouraged to respond to the RFI with information about your hydrogen projects.

4. All responses must be submitted electronically in the spreadsheet…”. Does this statement mean you will only accept the spreadsheets, but not any written response in conjunction with the spreadsheets?

We encourage information to be submitted in the spreadsheet format, however if there is data or information that cannot be submitted in the spreadsheet, responders can submit supplemental information to that provided in the spreadsheet forms when submitting your RFI response.

5. Does Xcel Energy anticipate being competitive with the current RFS/RIN market pricing?

The objective of the RFI is to gather information about the RNG supply side of the market, which we will use to design a voluntary program for our natural gas customers that aligns the supply and demand in terms of RNG volumes and pricing.
6. Will you please provide more information on how your voluntary RNG customer program will work? For example, will you be marketing the program to all customers? How will you match suppliers with interested customers?

The design of the voluntary program is dependent on the responses to the RFI. We would plan to offer a program similar to existing Xcel Energy voluntary customer programs such as Windsource or Renewable Connect offerings, where customers would pay a premium on their bill for a pre-determined amount (either a defined volume or percentage of their usage) of RNG in the natural gas system. We would plan to market this to residential and commercial customers but the extent to how this offering would be marketed would be heavily dependent on the pricing estimates received through this RFI.

7. We have an RNG facility currently located within one of the states identified in section III.iii. Tier 1 of the RFI, however we are unable to directly connect the RNG facility to one of the pipelines listed in Exhibits 1, 2, or 3 of the RFI. Would you classify our facility location as Tier 2, for purposes of your RFI?

If there is no direct connection between the RNG facility and one of the pipelines identified in Exhibits 1, 2 or 3 in the RFI document, we would classify your facility location as Tier 3 (note, there are restrictions for where projects can interconnect on certain pipeline systems identified in Exhibit 3). If there is a direct path to transport the RNG to pipeline systems identified in Exhibits 1, 2 or 3 that we have overlooked, please identify such path in your response to the RFI. Also, if you have a facility(ies) under development that would interconnect to one of the pipeline systems identified in Exhibits 1, 2 or 3, please respond to the RFI with information regarding such facility(ies).

8. In connection with this RFI, would Xcel Energy have interest in procuring only the environmental attributes of renewable natural gas, or does Xcel Energy necessarily want only a bundled (commodity + attribute) RNG product procured together? If the latter, would Xcel Energy consider procuring a “synthetic” renewable natural gas product whereby brown/commodity gas was bundled with an equivalent, but separately-sourced, quantity of attributes for sale to Xcel together?

For the design of our voluntary program, we would consider purchasing a bundled product consisting of RNG and its associated environmental attributes, or separate (unbundled) purchase of RNG and environmental attributes. We would envision purchasing RNG that complies with the RNG definition that is included in the RFI document, but we are open to considering alternatives at this stage in the process. We encourage all respondents to the RFI to provide as much information in your responses to our RFI regarding your projects and what products you are able to supply to us.