

Renewable*Connect Government

A green energy program for state and local government agencies

What is Renewable*Connect Government?

Renewable*Connect Government is a program designed to help state and local government agencies achieve their clean energy goals. Through the program customers will have a convenient way to purchase renewable energy from dedicated renewable resources, offering long term price certainty with a trusted partner in Xcel Energy

How will this work?

Xcel Energy partnered with the State of Minnesota to design an initial pilot to power parts of the Minnesota State Capitol Complex with clean, renewable wind and solar energy. A portion of the output from two new renewable resources will be dedicated to serve this pilot.

Should the program be approved beyond the initial pilot phase for access to all state or local government customers, additional renewable resources would be built and dedicated to the program.

Program benefits for government customers

Customer choice—Government agencies can choose a subscription size that targets the amount of energy generated from a blend of wind and solar energy sources.

Achieve sustainability goals—The program offers a convenient way for state and local governments to track and verify their sustainability goals by using renewable energy certificates (RECs).

Long term price certainty—Customers receive upfront pricing for the length of their agreement, typically 20 to 25 years in length. This gives state and local governments more price predictability.

Depending on the future price of system fuel, customers may save money over the course of their agreement and can budget using known costs.

Provides easy access to renewable sources—Unlike other renewable programs that install solar or wind generation on-site, there's no cost associated with set up, installation or maintenance.

Next steps

As the nation's No. 1 utility wind energy provider, Xcel Energy is committed to working with customers to deliver clean, reliable electricity at an affordable price. Pending approval from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Renewable*Connect Government could be offered to other state and local government customers. Stay tuned for more information.

*Some restrictions may apply. Participation per customer will be capped at 100 percent of a customer's energy load.

