



# Consideration of Additional Higher Emissions Communities

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## Higher emissions communities

If your transportation electrification project or community is located within a Higher Emissions Community, you may be eligible for enhanced transportation electrification incentives offered by Xcel Energy. Before submitting an application to designate a project or community as located in a Higher Emissions Community, please refer to [xcelenergy.com/CommercialEVs](https://xcelenergy.com/CommercialEVs) for a list of locations that have already received Higher Emissions Community designation. If your transportation electrification project or community is not currently designated as located in a Higher Emissions Community, and you believe your project or community should be eligible for Higher Emissions Community rebates, Xcel Energy will require you to provide information through this application process regarding your project or community to determine if a Higher Emissions Community designation is appropriate. Applicants must answer all required questions completely to be considered, demonstrating both that the location of the community or transportation electrification project demonstrates an environmental burden(s) driven by transportation emissions and/or other environmental burdens, and that there is a disproportionately impacted population in this community or project location bearing this burden.

## Customer information

Organization name \_\_\_\_\_ Date submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact job title \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone \_\_\_\_\_ Contact email\* \_\_\_\_\_

Organization type: (check boxes)

Government agency

Non-profit community-based organization

Economic development corporation

Transportation management or planning agency

Neighborhood association

Developer

Private corporation

Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Customer signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

This signature is required from an individual listed on the Xcel Energy account above. By signing here, I acknowledge the information in this application is accurate and complete. I confirm I have read, agree with, and understand the terms and conditions of this application.

\*By providing your email address, you are granting Xcel Energy permission to send further emails regarding our programs and services.

**Higher Emissions Community designation information**

1. Choose and respond to one of the two options below. Please be as specific as possible in describing the geographic boundaries of the location, including how the area falls within an identifiable legal boundary outlined by property lines or governmental jurisdiction:

The location of the potential transportation electrification project you believe is in a Higher Emissions Community

The location of the community you believe should be designated as Higher Emissions Community

2. If applying for a Higher Emissions Community designation for a specific transportation electrification project, please confirm if you have submitted an application for an Xcel Energy-provided rebate which requires a Higher Emissions Community designation to qualify for the rebate.

Yes, we have submitted an application for an Xcel Energy rebate for the following location:

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

3. Describe the environmental burden(s) that affect the population in or around this location. The description may be up to one (1) page and the applicant may include additional pages of pictures or other visuals that may help describe the environmental burden.

4. Identify the population or populations that bear(s) a disproportionate environmental impact in this location. Please select relevant attributes from the definition of disproportionately impacted populations that apply to the project or community.<sup>1</sup>

Income-qualified on a community basis<sup>2</sup>

Status as a community of color

History of environmental racism (e.g. through redlining, anti-indigenous, anti-immigrant, anti-Hispanic, or anti-black laws)

Please describe the prominence of the above attribute(s) or provide other details that explain your selection. You may use data or provide other anecdotes to substantiate your claim. Please do not include an individual customer's income information; Xcel Energy requests income information at an aggregated, community level.

5. Describe how the transportation electrification project or community that will utilize enhanced rebates from Xcel Energy to support the buildout of charging infrastructure will benefit the disproportionately impacted population described in question 3.

Submit your completed application to [evapplications@xcelenergy.com](mailto:evapplications@xcelenergy.com)

**Application review process**

Upon submission of your application, Xcel Energy may contact you for additional information. Based upon the process outlined in the updated 60-Day Notice: Identifying Higher Emissions Communities, approximately 30 days after the application period closes, Xcel Energy will post a 60-Day Notice with its proposed decision on any new Higher Emissions Communities. External comments through the 60-Day Notice Process will be due 30 days following the posting of the notice. Xcel Energy will then issue a final decision approximately 30 days following the closing of the external comment period. Xcel Energy will inform applicants about the addition of any new Higher Emissions Communities and any new program eligibility for respective projects approximately 90 days after the submission of their application.

<sup>1</sup> A framework for defining disproportionately impacted populations is included in recently-enacted Colorado state legislation. For more context, see [Colorado House Bill 21-1266](#).

<sup>2</sup> For reference purposes only, [Colorado House Bill 21-1266](#) established income criteria as a community with greater than 40% of households are designated as having low income. Public Service Company of Colorado uses various income criteria for certain programs in its Transportation Electrification Plan, including being located in a county or census block where 50% or more of households have incomes at or below 80% of Area Median Income or meeting the income qualifications for the multifamily or federal weatherization programs.