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STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON XCEL ENERGY'S SHERCO 1 AND 2
LIFE CYCLE MANAGEMENT STUDY**

Issued: July 15, 2013

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Life Cycle Management Study for Sherco 1 & 2

PUC Docket Number/s: E002/RP-13-368

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes October 1, 2013 at 4:30pm.
Reply comment period is yet-to-be-determined.

Topic/s Open for Comment:

- Parties may file comments on whether Xcel's Sherco Study complies with the requirements set forth by the Commission's November 30, 2012 Order in the resource plan. The term "parties" has the meaning given in the Commission's resource plan rules, Minnesota Rules 7843.0100, Subpart 8.
- Parties may comment on the reasonableness of Xcel's Reference Case assumptions used in the Sherco study.
- Parties may submit recommendations, within the scope of the Sherco Study, to be addressed in Xcel's 2014 Integrated Resource Plan, which is scheduled to be filed February 1, 2014.
- Parties may comment on whether the February 1, 2014 deadline for Xcel's next resource plan should be modified, given the timeline of Xcel's competitive resource acquisition process.

Project Background: On July 1, 2013, Xcel Energy filed its Life Cycle Management Study for Sherborne County (Sherco) Generation Station Units 1 and 2. The Study was filed pursuant to the Commission's November 30, 2012 Order in Xcel's 2011-2025 Integrated Resource Plan (Docket No. 10-825). The Study was ordered to examine the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of continuing to operate, retrofitting, or retiring Sherco 1 and 2. The Study assesses the impact of recently finalized and likely forthcoming EPA regulations and provides cost estimates of the pollution control equipment which could be required at Sherco 1 and 2.

Submit Public Comments: E-mail to PublicComments.PUC@state.mn.us.

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