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NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON XCEL ENERGY'S REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE LAURENTIAN ENERGY POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Issued: July 30, 2013

In the Matter of a Northern States Power Company For Approval of an Amendment to the Laurentian Energy Authority I, LLC Power Purchase Agreement

PUC Docket Number/s: E-002/M-13-624

Comment Period: Comment Period closes September 10, 2013
Reply comment period closes September 20, 2013

Background: On July 26, 2013, Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy filed a request for approval of the Second Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Biomass PPA for biomass generation resources from the Laurentian project. This amendment modifies the purchase price of the energy from the project and adds a fuel cost adjustment beginning in 2014 over the remaining term of the agreement. Additionally, the amendment provides that beginning with payments for 2012, Laurentian shall be paid for all energy delivered to Xcel Energy under the PPA, subject to thresholds based on committed energy production.

Minn. Laws 2013, Chapter 57, amending Minn. Stat. 2012, § 216B.2424, subdivision 5a, paragraph (e), requires that upon request of the project owner Xcel shall agree to amend the purchase power agreement, and submit the amendment for Commission approval within 30 days of execution. The Commission is required to act within 90 days of submission.

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