

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement with Central Minnesota Ethanol Co-op.

The above entitled matter has been considered by the Commission and the following disposition made:

Approved Xcel's petition for approval of the PPA with CMEC, including the recovery of costs incurred in connection with the PPA consistent with Minn. Stat. 216B.1645 (including the recovery of both energy and capacity costs through Xcel's FCA). The Commission finds that the renewable energy generated by the facility is REO-eligible. In making this finding, the Commission is not making a determination of Xcel's good faith effort to meet the REO, nor a determination on the specific allocation of energy generated by the CMEC facility toward the REO.

The Commission agrees with and adopts the recommendations of the Department of Commerce which are attached and hereby incorporated in the Order.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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