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Subject: Notice of Joint Meeting – Supplemental Information

Saxon Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2610)
Superior Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2587)

Dear Secretary Bose:

In accordance with 18 CFR, Part 16, Section 16.8 (b)(3) and (b)(4), Xcel Energy hereby invites resource agencies, Indian tribes, and members of the public to attend a joint meeting to discuss the relicensing process for the Saxon Falls Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2610 and the Superior Falls Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2587. The meeting will allow for a review of information previously provided by Xcel Energy in its Preliminary Application Document (PAD), as well as to discuss information to be provided as a part of the relicensing process.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved the licensee's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process for the Projects on February 13, 2020.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, April 9, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Due to current coronavirus health concerns, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that social gatherings be limited to no more than 10 people and that discretionary travel be avoided. Therefore, in accordance with CDC guidelines, Xcel Energy has decided to change the meeting format from an in-person meeting to a conference call. A site visit to the Projects will be rescheduled at a later date later once the health and travel concerns have abated.

<u>Please RSVP by April 1, 2020 if you plan to participate in the meeting via conference call</u>. Xcel Energy will send out meeting information to those that RSVP to include a call-in number, meeting agenda, and PowerPoint presentation.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Xcel Energy

- Welcome
- Introductions
- · Overview of meeting logistics and purpose
- Overview of FERC licensing process

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- Description of the Saxon Falls and Superior Falls Hydroelectric Projects
- Discussion of the Preliminary Application Document (PAD)

2. Resource agency comments

3. Tribal comments

4. Public comments

 Members of the public are entitled to participate fully in the meeting and to express their views regarding resource issues that should be addressed in any application for a new license that may be filed by Xcel Energy.

According to 18 CFR, Part 16, Section 16.8 (b)(4), the meeting will be audio recorded. Interested resource agencies and Indian tribes may request a copy of the recording.

The PAD, which was provided to agencies, Indian tribes, and interested members of the public on December 30, 2019, is available for inspection at the following public libraries:

- Hurley Public Library 405 5th Avenue North, Hurley, Wisconsin
- Ironwood Carnegie Library 235 East Aurora Street, Ironwood, Michigan

As required by FERC regulation 18 CFR, Part 16, Section 16.8 (b)(5), written comments regarding the PAD shall be submitted to the Commission with a requested courtesy copy to Xcel Energy no later than June 9, 2020 (60 days after the April 9 meeting). Any comments received from resource agencies, Indian tribes, and/or interested members of the public should:

- Identify its determination of necessary studies to be performed or the information to be provided by the potential applicant.
- Identify the basis for its determination.
- Discuss its understanding of the resource issues and its goals and objectives for these resources.
- Explain why each study methodology recommended by it is more appropriate than any other available methodology alternatives, including those identified by the potential applicant.
- Document that the use of each study methodology recommended by it is a generally accepted practice.
- Explain how the studies and information requested will be useful to the agency, Indian tribe, or member of the public in furthering its resource goals and objectives that are affected by the proposed project.

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This notice of the joint meeting is being sent to those resource agencies, Indian tribes, and interested members of the public listed on the attached sheets.

Should you have any questions, or to RSVP for the meeting, please contact Matthew Miller at 715-737-1353 or matthew.j.miller@xcelenergy.com.

Sincerely,

- for --James M. Zyduck Director, Hydro Plants

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Enclosure:

Certificate of Service

Potential Licensing Participant List

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List of addresses (attached)

Shawn Puzen - Mead & Hunt, Inc. (via e-mail)

Project Files

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I, on behalf of Xcel Energy, have this day served (via first class mail) the foregoing documents upon each person designated on the attached Master Address Distribution List.

Dated this 18th day of March 2020.

Darrin Johnson

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