Minneapolis Energy Vision Advisory Committee (EVAC)

Q2 Meeting – June 8, 2022

Quick Updates – Summer/Fall Engagement Opportunities

- 1. Minneapolis and CenterPoint Energy Tariff On Bill (TOB) Pilot Petition (Docket No. G008/M-21-377)
 - a. May 10, 2022 Special EVAC Meeting to describe and respond to questions about proposed TOB Pilot modifications
 - b. May 13, 2022 Minneapolis and CenterPoint Energy submit Reply Comments
 - c. May 31, 2022 PUC issues Notice of Comment Period regarding TOB Pilot modifications due June 24
 - d. June 3, 2022 Center for Energy and Environment requests extension on Comment Period until July 25, 2022.

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2. CenterPoint Energy 2024-2026 Conservation Improvement Plan (CIP) Triennial Plan

CenterPoint Energy's next CIP Triennial Plan (Plan) is due for review and approval by the Department of Commerce June 3, 2023. The Plan will outline the Company's planned CIP activities from 2024 through 2026. The Company is planning stakeholder engagement in the development of the Plan for late summer/early fall. The Company is currently taking input on the stakeholder engagement process.

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3. CenterPoint Energy Innovation Plan

CenterPoint Energy is in the process of developing its first Innovation Plan (Plan) enabled by last years passage of the Natural Gas Innovation Act (NGIA). In April, CenterPoint Energy released a Request for Ideas for 'innovative resources' to consider including in the Company's first Plan. Under NGIA 'innovative resources' means biogas, renewable natural gas, power-to-hydrogen, power-to-ammonia, carbon capture, strategic electrification, district energy, and energy efficiency. The Company received about 100 ideas from over 40 different organizations. The Company is in the process of engaging a consultant to lead stakeholder engagement to review and provide input on ideas as the Company develops its first Plan. Stakeholder engagement is anticipated to kick off this summer. The Company has also initiated a request for proposals (RFP) process to engage a technical consultant to support Plan development.

On June 1, 2022 the Public Utilities Commission issued its order in Docket no. G-999/CI-21-566: (1) adopting a framework for comparing the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions intensities of innovative resources under the NGIA, (2) adopting a framework for cost-benefit analysis to be applied to innovative resources and innovation plans under the NGIA, and (3) establishing reporting requirements.

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4. Xcel Energy Equity Stakeholder Group

As many EVAC members may already be aware, Xcel Energy is convening new equity-focused stakeholder group. As a company, we are working to integrate equity considerations across a broad range of areas, including energy affordability, energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, workforce diversification, integrated resource and distribution planning, and natural gas decarbonization plans. Equitable access to energy decision-making is also a growing priority for the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission across many different dockets Xcel Energy and other utilities have before the Commission. In approving our latest 15-year energy plan, the Commission asked us to establish a new stakeholder group to advise us on how best to do this (order point #25 in its April 15, 2022 Order approving Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Integrated Resource Plan, Docket No. E002/19-368).

We've always prioritized affordable, reliable, and clean energy. But we recognize there is more we can do to explicitly design for equity, and to involve our communities in those decisions. Our goal here is to create new ways for our communities, customers, and stakeholders to help us design programs meeting their needs, and to meaningfully influence the decisions we and the Commission are making

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5. Xcel Energy Integrated Distribution Plan & Resilient Minneapolis Project Approval

In a Minnesota Public Utilities Commission hearing on June 1, 2022 Xcel Energy's 2021 Integrated Distribution Plan (IDP) report was accepted with additional order points related to stakeholder/community engagement and other items. In a separate decision, the Commission approved the Resilient Minneapolis Project subject to some additional requirements related to a cost cap, development of metrics, and other items.

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6. The City of Minneapolis is updating it's 2013 Climate Action Plan. The new plan, called the Climate Action and Equity Plan, will update the goals and strategies for the City's next phase of climate change initiatives. In consultation with Urban Design Perspectives and Precipitate, the planning process will involve a series of community engagement and listening sessions this summer to inform the plan. This input will inform the workgroups and a steering committee to guide the plan development occurring in late summer. Draft plans will be developed and shared with stakeholders to further refine goals and strategies in Fall/Winter of 2022 with a final plan presented for approval by the Mayor and City Council in Spring of 2023.

More information can be found at www.minneapolismn.gov/climate-equity or contact Luke Hollenkamp@minneapolismn.gov.