

PROPOSED DECOMMISSIONING CONDITION

If the Applicant is purchased by Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy and at least 90 days prior to commencing Project operations, Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy files documentation indicating it will be financially responsible for decommissioning costs, decommissioning financial security will be analyzed in year ten of operation. In such case, the Applicant will submit an updated decommissioning plan and cost estimate on or before the tenth anniversary of the operation date of the Project. Following receipt of the updated decommissioning plan and cost estimate, the Commission will determine if decommissioning financial security should be provided and, if so, the form and amount of said financial security. In the event that Northern States Power Company d/b/a/ Xcel Energy does not purchase the Project, or does not file documentation with respect to decommissioning costs in accordance with this condition, the Applicant will file an updated decommissioning plan and cost estimate at least sixty days prior to commencing Project operations, and the Commission will determine the form, amount, and timing of financial security to be provided by the Applicant.

