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## **Xcel Energy exceeds Wisconsin's renewable energy requirement for 12 consecutive years**

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (Aug. 8, 2018)-For more than a decade, Xcel Energy has exceeded Wisconsin's renewable energy requirement, making the company the number one renewable energy provider in the state.

According to the 2017 Renewable Portfolio Standard Annual Report filed with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin earlier this year, Xcel Energy provided 27.83 percent of its energy from renewable resources. This is the 12th year in a row that Xcel Energy has exceeded the state's renewable energy requirement, which for Xcel Energy is 12.89 percent.

Mark Stoering, president, Xcel Energy Wisconsin, noted that while Xcel Energy is not the largest electric utility in Wisconsin, the company provides more renewable energy than any other. "Our history of generating clean energy dates back almost a century, and we are proud to continue to help expand Wisconsin's growth in renewable energy, bringing benefits to our customers and communities," he said. "We've been able to accomplish this while keeping electricity bills below the national average, and we anticipate keeping bills low as we add a considerable amount of new renewable energy."

Along with 19 hydro facilities on eight Wisconsin rivers and the state's largest community solar program, Xcel Energy has plans to build eight new wind farms in the Upper Midwest region by 2022, which would help the company reach its goal of powering its customers' electricity needs with 60 percent renewable energy by 2030.

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### **About Xcel Energy**

Xcel Energy (NASDAQ: XEL) provides the energy that powers millions of homes and businesses across eight Western and Midwestern states. With its Wisconsin headquarters located in Eau Claire, the company is an industry leader in responsibly reducing carbon emissions and producing and delivering clean energy solutions from a variety of renewable sources at competitive prices. For more information, visit [xcelenergy.com](http://xcelenergy.com) or follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).