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Xcel Energy proposes program that allows customers to get energy exclusively from wind and solar

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (Oct. 11, 2018) – Xcel Energy today proposed a new program that would allow Wisconsin customers to choose energy generated exclusively from wind and solar resources.

The company submitted its proposal for Renewable*Connect[®] in a filing with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. If approved, Xcel Energy customers who subscribe to Renewable*Connect will be able to secure up to 100 percent of their electricity from a blend of wind and solar resources on our Upper Midwest system, which are specifically dedicated to the program.

Renewable*Connect is being offered on the heels of the successful Solar*Connect Community[®] program, which is now almost fully subscribed. Solar*Connect Community[®] is Wisconsin's largest community solar garden program serving Xcel Energy subscribers throughout the Wisconsin service area.

“Our customers want more options when it comes to their energy, and this new program will help them meet their sustainability goals,” said Mark Stoering, president, Xcel Energy-Wisconsin. “Renewable*Connect is another way we can provide more clean-energy options at prices that continue to be affordable and competitive.”

Program details

If approved, any Xcel Energy residential or business electric customer will be able to sign up for Renewable*Connect on either a month-to-month basis or under a five-year contract.

Based on customer interest in Renewable*Connect, Xcel Energy plans to invest in new solar resources in the future. “The greater the customer interest in Renewable*Connect, the greater the opportunity for additional solar resources in Wisconsin,” Stoering said.

Xcel Energy is requesting the Commission approve the proposed program by the end of the year. The company plans to launch the product in early 2019.