

Destination 2050 Building the Future Rachel Nance Director, Regional Government Affairs July 2019



Xcel Energy

Serving eight states

- 3.6 million electricity customers
- 2 million natural gas customers

Nationally recognized leader:

- Wind energy
- Energy efficiency
- Carbon emissions reductions







Xcel Energy Priorities



Lead the Clean Energy Transition

Enhance the Customer Experience

Keep Bills Low



Energy Efficiency Leadership



- 150 programs
- 20 power plants avoided
- 628,000 tons carbon avoided in 2017



Carbon Reduction Progress to Date



Reductions to date surpass:

- United States commitment for 2025 in Paris agreement
- Clean Power Plan national goal for 2030



Keeping Customer Bills Low



Xcel Energy gas and electric bills are below the national average

Steel for Fuel



CUSTOMER AFFORDABILITY IS THE FOUNDATION OF STEEL FOR FUEL

Renewable Generation

Displace Fossil Generation Drive Capital Investment Lower Fuel and Capacity Costs

Lower O&M

Enables

PPA Buyouts and Increasing Generation Ownership Diversify Ownership Portfolio Drive Capital Investment Lower Environmental Compliance Costs

Production Tax Credits

Capital investments that reduce total customer costs provide headroom for infrastructure investment that benefits our customers





Grounded in Climate Science

Xcel Energy Carbon Goals Compared to 2 C Scenarios







Reducing Carbon Emissions is Job #1

Protect energy reliability and affordability

Support from our states and stakeholders

Advocate for constructive public policy

Develop carbon-free 24/7 technologies for 2050



Path to an 80% Reduction by 2030

Affordably and reliably, with current technology

- Increase renewables
- Natural gas and energy storage
- Preserve nuclear
- Transition coal fleet
- Energy efficiency
- Strategic electrification
- Invest in the grid





Increasing Renewables on the Grid





The Winter Challenge Incremental Renewables

More renewables & use-limited resources alone cannot reliably fill the gap





Challenges to a 100% Renewable Grid

- 1. Costs increase steeply at high levels of annual renewables
- 2. At 100%, "overbuilding" grid capacity as much as 8X peak is required
- 3. No great solution to use or store surplus renewable generation





2050 Aspiration Depends on 24/7 Carbon-Free Technology

Examples include:

- Natural gas with carbon capture and storage
- Deep rock geothermal
- Power to gas
- Advanced nuclear
- Seasonal storage
- Others







Constructive State Policies

- Colorado
 - Statewide Carbon Cap
 - Carbon Reduction Bill
 - Electric Vehicles Bill
- Minnesota Preferred Resource Plan Announcement
- **Texas** Generation Rider
- New Mexico Carbon and renewable targets

EV Implementation Plan



Xcel Energy Electric Vehicle Strategy:

- Making EV adoption easier
- Creating charging infrastructure
- Establishing rates and technology to encourage charging on low-cost, low-carbon energy





Thank You