

## **Process to modify rules, standards and practices not described in the Xcel Energy Operating Companies' Joint OATT**

This document is for the purpose of fulfilling Section 4.1 of the Xcel Energy Operating Companies Open Access Transmission Tariff ("Joint OATT"), which states: *"The Transmission Provider shall post on OASIS and on its public website an electronic link to a statement of the process by which the Transmission Provider shall add, delete or otherwise modify the rules, standards and practices that are not included in this tariff. Such process shall set forth the means by which the Transmission Provider shall provide reasonable advance notice to Transmission Customers and Eligible Customers of any such additions, deletions or modifications, the associated effective date, and any additional implementation procedures that the Transmission Provider deems appropriate."* Please note that some rules, standards and practices are governed by regional transmission organizations such as SPP and MISO (the Transmission Providers for the SPS system and NSP System, respectively), and the SPP and MISO processes for making changes to rules, standards and practices are described on their websites.

### **Statement of Process**

- 1) Xcel Energy identifies the need to create or make revisions to a Business Practice or other document. The need may be identified in a variety of ways, including (but not limited to) as a result of FERC order, a question from a transmission customer, changes to a NERC or regional reliability standard, changes to a NAESB standard, or recommendations from NSP, PSCo, SPS or Xcel Energy Services Inc. staff.
- 2) Once developed, the final Business Practice document is posted on the affected Xcel Energy operating company's OASIS site. In general, the effective date will be ten (10) days after posting, except where time is of the essence or the posted document clarifies one or more existing business practices.
- 3) Customers with comments or questions about business practices may submit their questions or comments to [XMCustomerQA@xcelenergy.com](mailto:XMCustomerQA@xcelenergy.com).

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