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Dear members of the Public Utility Commission,

We're writing to express support again for Xcel Energy's Electric Resource Planning proceeding (16A-0396E). The recently submitted 120 Day Report contains some groundbreaking information and we want to ensure it catches your attention. Specifically, the 275 MW of battery storage will double our nation's battery storage. Additionally, the bids providing an estimated 707 MW of solar and 1,131 MW of wind will be provided at the lowest costs our nation has ever seen, and will save consumers roughly 213 million dollars.

Under this plan, Xcel is on track to expand its portfolio of renewables to 55%, resulting in a 59% reduction of carbon emissions compared to 2005 levels. We know air pollution has a price that we all pay in the form of increased health care costs, costs associated with missed days at work and school due to asthma attacks and other respiratory illnesses, and costs to remediate and treat water harmed by air pollution, just to name a few. We believe this plan is among the best current opportunities to meet our moral obligation to our children and grandchildren to limit pollution from power plants.

Thank you for your efforts to date. We urge the Commission to continue the process of advancing the Colorado Energy Plan as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Kathy Chandler-Henry

Chair

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