



April 27, 2021

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
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RE: Resiliency Service Pilot Docket No. 4220-TE-106

Greetings;

Please accept our support for Xcel Energy's request to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) to offer a new product enabling Xcel to partner with customers and communities to make resiliency convenient and affordable. This product also would help reduce carbon emissions, a significant goal of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, the UW-Eau Claire Foundation and the Blugold Real Estate Foundation.

Through the proposed "Resiliency as a Service" product, Xcel Energy would provide support through ownership, installation, operation and maintenance of resiliency assets at a specific location. This service would reduce upfront capital costs for customers while providing a simple process through which to design and implement resiliency solutions. What is most appealing is the end user can customize the service to meet their needs.

The Blugold Real Estate Foundation (a supporting organization of the UW-Eau Claire Foundation) and UW-Eau Claire have been in conversations with Xcel Energy about the construction of a resilient building at the Foundation's property on Menomonie Street in Eau Claire. The Sonnentag Complex project would replace the university's aging Zorn Arena. The Sonnentag Event Center, which would hold up to 5,000 people, is envisioned to be a highly sustainable, resilient building that could be a public shelter in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. That resiliency feature is a major benefit in the case for support to generate public and private funding for the project. Xcel Energy's ability to participate through the Resiliency as a Service product is a key element. The timetable of program's availability this summer aligns very well with our anticipated construction schedule.

Thank you for consideration of Xcel Energy's application. We heartily support and endorse this plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimera Way".

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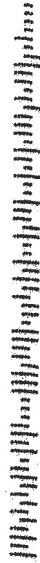
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