

**XCEL ENERGY - SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
2009 COMMERCIAL STANDARD OFFER PROGRAM**

INITIAL APPLICATION AGREEMENT

This Initial Application Agreement is made and entered into by and between XCEL ENERGY-SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY d/b/a Xcel Energy, a New Mexico corporation (hereinafter "Xcel Energy") and _____, (hereinafter "Project Sponsor").

The Parties agree as follows:

Project Sponsor agrees that all information submitted as part of the Initial Application for the _____ Project, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, is true and correct to the best of their knowledge.

Project Sponsor agrees and understands that the incentive funds estimated in the Project Sponsor's Initial Application are not reserved until Xcel Energy has approved the Initial Application, and all information required under the Program guidelines.

Project Sponsor agrees that if it does not submit a complete Final Application within 45 days of Xcel Energy's approval of the Initial Application for lighting only projects or within 90 days of Xcel Energy's approval of the Initial Application for all other projects, then Xcel Energy will cancel the Initial Application, and release the Project's reserved incentive funds. Project Sponsor further agrees that if Xcel Energy finds that the Final Application fails to meet the Commercial Standard Offer Program requirements, Xcel Energy will cancel the Initial Application, reject the Final Application, and release the reserved incentive funds.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

| Southwestern Public Service Company d/b/a Xcel Energy | | Project Sponsor | |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Signature: | _____ | Signature: | _____ |
| Name: | _____ | Name: | _____ |
| Title: | _____ | Title: | _____ |
| Company | <u>Xcel Energy</u> | Company | _____ |
| Date: | _____ | Date: | _____ |

**EXHIBIT A
INITIAL APPLICATION**