

# Path to Net Zero: Measuring Methane Matters

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#### **EMERGING FRAMEWORK**

### **SEC Looks to Drive Accountability Emissions**

"It's also something investors want and since it's the SEC, we are going to have to do it."

Mr. Neal Fenwick, Chief Financial Officer, ACCO Brands

Wall Street Journal, March 22, 2022

### THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

#### **CFO JOURNAL**

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### **Companies Brace for Higher Compliance Costs as SEC Proposes Climate Disclosures**

The proposal will be open for feedback for at least 60 days, after which the regulator will start crafting a final rule



The SEC on Monday proposed requiring companies to report estimates of their greenhouse-gas emissions. PHOTO: ANDREW KELLY/REUTERS

By <u>Mark Maurer</u> and <u>Kristin Broughton</u> March 22, 2022 5:30 am ET



Press release | 15 December 2021 | Brussels

Commission proposes new EU framework to decarbonise gas markets, promote hydrogen and reduce methane emissions

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|  | Page contents  | Today, the Commission has adopted a set of legislative proposals to      |
|  | Тор  | decarbonise the EU gas market by facilitating the uptake of renewable    |
|  | Print friendly pdf   | and low carbon gases, including hydrogen, and to ensure energy           |
|  | Related media  | security for all citizens in Europe. The Commission is also following up |
|  | Press contact  | on the EU Methane Strategy and its international commitments with        |
|  | Theorem and the second se | proposals to reduce methane emissions in the energy sector in Europe     |
|  |  | and in our global supply chain. The European Union needs to              |
|  |  | decarbonise the energy it consumes to reduce greenhouse gas              |
|  |  | emissions by at least 55% by 2030 and become climate-neutral by          |
|  |  | 2050, and these proposals will help to deliver that goal.                |
|  |  | Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal, Frans              |
|  |  | Timmermans, said: "Europe needs to turn the page on fossil fuels and     |
|  |  | move to cleaner energy sources. This includes replacing fossil gas with  |
|  |  | renewable and low carbon gases, like hydrogen. Today, we are             |
|  |  | proposing the rules to enable this transition and build the necessary    |
|  |  | markets, networks and infrastructure. To address methane emissions,      |
|  |  | we are also proposing a solid legal framework to better track and reduce |
|  |  | this powerful greenhouse gas, helping us to fulfil the Global Methane    |

Pledge and tackle the climate crisis.

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**GLOBAL TRADE** 

### **Cross-Border Trade & Responsible Gas**

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Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice President, European Green Deal, December 15, 2021

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**DOMESTIC TRADE** 

## **Public Utilities & Differentiated Gas**

"Under its clean energy vision for natural gas, Xcel Energy will accelerate its plans for reducing methane emissions, including purchasing natural gas only from suppliers with certified low emissions and continuing to improve its natural gas delivery system to achieve net-zero methane emissions by 2030."

Xcel Energy, November 1, 2021

# Xcel Energy commits to netzero carbon goal by 2050

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Xcel Energy\*

Company extends clean energy vision to its natural gas business

**Minneapolis** (November 1, 2021) – Xcel Energy announced today that it is aiming to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions from its natural gas business by 2050. In addition to its vision to provide 100% carbon-free electricity to customers by 2050, Xcel Energy is committing to becoming an overall net-zero energy company by 2050, while keeping service reliable and customer bills low.

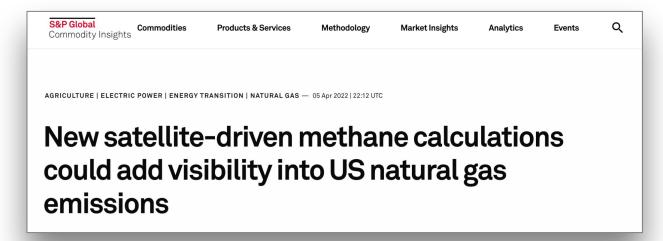
Xcel Energy is the only major U.S. energy provider to announce a comprehensive vision with aggressive goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions across three large sectors of the economy: electricity, natural gas use in buildings, and transportation.

"Our vision for delivering net-zero energy by 2050 is an important



**NEW BENCHMARKING** 

### **S&P Announces Satellite-Based Index Measuring Methane Intensity**



"In the case of S&P Global's satellite-driven dataset, although each basin has been triangulated to capture areas with heavy concentrations of gas wells, the satellite data does not differentiate between methane emissions resulting from gas production or other sources, like agriculture or industry."

S&P Global, April 5, 2022

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The New York Times

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### Methane Leaks in New Mexico Far Exceed Current Estimates, Study Suggests

An analysis found leaks of methane, a potent greenhouse gas, from oil and gas drilling in the Permian Basin were many times higher than government estimates.



### Oil and natural gas production emit more methane than previously thought

Research finds EPA underestimates methane emissions from oil and gas production

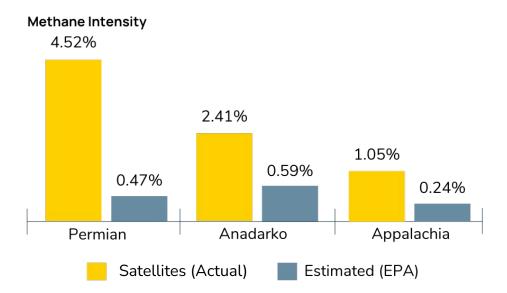
#### **Bloomberg Green**

Finance

### Over 90% of Firms Aren't Measuring Emissions Correctly, BCG Says

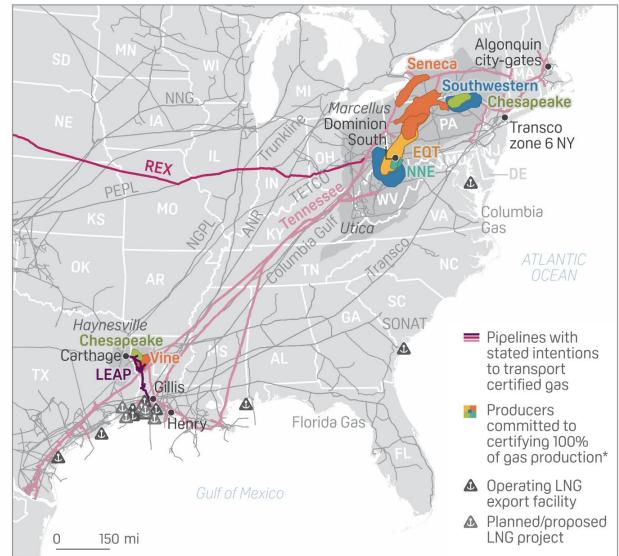
#### MEASUREMENT PROBLEM

### Natural Gas Production Emissions: What Measurement Is Correct?



- Methane 86x more potent
- Actual emissions 10x higher than EPA estimates
- Emission leaks are preventable

### MIDSTREAM COMPANIES JOIN CERTIFIED GAS MOVEMENT



\*Not shown: Crestone Peak Resources in Colorado committed to certifying 100% of gas production; total volume undisclosed.

Source: S&P Global Platts Analytics, company websites

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#### **ENLIGHTENED OPERATIONS**

### **Investment Follows Action**

Methane emissions have emerged as a key performance metric for certified gas, with an emphasis on monitoring and measurement.

...interest in certified gas among producers has expanded to the Haynesville Shale with Chesapeake Energy and its pending acquisition of Vine Energy, and most recently, to the Permian Basin where ExxonMobil intends to certify a facility in New Mexico.

*S&P Global, October 14, 2021* 

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# Measure. Mitigate. Validate.

Measurement matters.

The measurement economy is here because you can't get to net-zero using estimates.

Leverage independent, verified environmental performance data to measure and certify the "E" in ESG.





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