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February 28, 2013

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen Executive Director SD Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501

RE: MARCH 2013 FUEL CLAUSE CHARGE

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy and operating in South Dakota, hereby submits its electric fuel clause charge (FCC) for March 2013.

Pursuant to Commission authorization of the final compliance tariffs in the Company's 2011 rate proceeding (Docket No. EL11-019), the new rates were implemented on August 1, 2012. The new Fuel Adjustment Factor (FAF) Ratio listed below also became effective:

FAF Ratio	Current	Effective August 1, 2012
Residential	1.0094	1.0119
C & I Non-Demand	1.0332	1.0268
C & I Demand	1.0108	1.0089
C & I Demand TOD On-Peak	1.3158	1.2537
C & I Demand TOD Off-Peak	0.7510	0.7910
Outdoor Lighting	0.8171	0.7629

The table below shows the new Fuel Cost Charge by service category:

March 2013	Fuel Cost Charge (\$/kWh)
Residential	0.02618
C & I Non-Demand	0.02656
C & I Demand	0.02610
C & I Demand Time of Day On-Peak	0.03243
C & I Demand Time of Day Off-Peak	0.02046
Outdoor Lighting	0.01974

MISO CHARGES IMPLEMENTATION

MISO Day 2 Charges

This filing includes our reporting of the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (MISO) charges under the Day 2 Market. Pursuant to the Commission's April 7, 2005 Order in Docket No. EL05-008, Xcel Energy is authorized to recover the MISO Day 2 costs through the Fuel Clause Rider. On February 12, 2009, the Commission approved the Fuel Clause Rider tariff revisions (Docket No. EL08-035), which allowed the new MISO Day 2 charge types: Schedule 24, Auction Revenue Rights, and the new Financial Transmission Rights charge types, to be reflected in the Fuel Clause Rider. In compliance with this Order and the required "net" accounting of Day 2 costs and revenues, we have included in the March 2013 FCC, the net MISO Day 2 costs for January 2013 as recorded in Account 555. The MISO Day 2 cost recovery included in this March 2013 FCC is \$8,366,319, which is the net of many items. Pursuant to the above mentioned Orders, the Company also provides more detailed records in Attachment 2, page 1 to support the calculation of the MISO Day 2 costs.

MISO ASM Charges

Also pursuant to the Commission's February 12, 2009 Order in Docket No. EL08-035, the MISO Ancillary Services Market (ASM) charges and the ASM-related costs and revenues are approved to be included in rates through the Fuel Clause Rider. In compliance with this Order and the required "net" accounting of ASM costs and