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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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RE: **XCEL ENERGY; COMMISSION IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW PURPA
STANDARDS**

Docket No: EL06-018

Our file: 0185

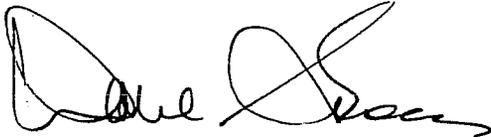
Dear Patty:

Enclosed are the original and ten copies of a Petition for intervention of Xcel Energy in the captioned docket. Please file the enclosures.

With a copy of this letter, I am mailing to the service list a copy this intervention petition. Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

MAY, ADAM, GERDES & THOMPSON LLP



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cc/enc: Jim Wilcox

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSIDERATION) EL06-018
OF THE NEW PURPA STANDARDS AS SET)
FORTH IN THE ENERGY POLICY ACT OF) **XCEL ENERGY'S**
2005) **PETITION TO INTERVENE**

COMES NOW Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy ("Xcel Energy") and petitions the Commission to intervene in the captioned docket, as follows:

1. Xcel Energy is a public utility doing business in the State of South Dakota under SDCL Ch. 49-34A. As such, it is a rate regulated investor owned utility as described in the Commission's order of July 31, 2006, in this docket.

2. Xcel Energy has an interest in this proceeding such that by the outcome of the proceeding Xcel Energy will be bound and affected either favorably or adversely with respect to an interest peculiar to Xcel Energy as distinguished from an interest common to the public or to the taxpayers in general. Specifically, Xcel Energy has an interest in the adoption and implementation of the new PURPA Standards under the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Thus, Xcel Energy should be permitted to intervene and participate fully as a party in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE Xcel Energy prays that the Commission grant its petition to appear as a party in this proceeding.

Dated this 15th day of August, 2006.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

David A. Gerdes of May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson LLP hereby certifies that on the 15th day of August, 2006, he mailed by United States mail, first class postage thereon prepaid, a true and correct copy of the foregoing in the above-captioned action to the following at their last known addresses, to-wit:

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