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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission State Capitol Building 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Pursuant to Dockets EL07-007 – transmission cost recovery rider, EL07-026 – environmental measures cost recovery rider and EL09-009 – the recent rate case, Xcel Energy hereby submits its annual report of jurisdictional earnings.

If anyone has any questions, please call me at 339-8350

Sincerely,

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Jim Wilcox

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

## OF

# JURISDICTIONAL EARNINGS

### BY

# NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION

## TO THE

## SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

**DECEMBER 31, 2009** 

South Dakota Jurisdiction Electric Utility





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(Dollars In Thousands)

### I. RETURN ON EQUITY (ROE)

<u>Actu</u>	al Return on Equity (ROE)	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
1	Operating Income from Electric Operations (E-2):	\$13,632	\$16,085
2	Average Regulated Rate Base (E-3):	\$279,376	\$240,758
3	Rate of Return on Rate Base (ROR) (line 1 / line 2):	4.88%	6.68%
4	Weighted Cost of Debt (E-4):	3.09%	3.23%
5	Weighted Cost of Preferred Stock (E-4):	0.00%	0.00%
6	% of Equity in Capital Structure (E-4):	52.94%	51.43%
7	Return on Equity (ROE):	3.38%	6.71%
ROE	, Normalized for Weather Impact on Sales	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
8	Operating Income from Electric Operations:	\$13,632	\$16,085
9	Impact of weather on Mwh Sales:	(47,019)	(16,413)
10	Impact of weather on Electric Operating Income :	(\$1,259)	(\$592)
11	Weather-Normalized Operating Income:	\$14,891	\$16,677
12	Average Regulated Rate Base:	\$279,376	\$240,758
13	Weather-Normal Rate of Return on Rate Base (ROR):	5.33%	6.93%
14	Weather-Normalized Return on Equity (ROE):	4.23%	7.19%

(Dollars In Thousands)

#### **II. OPERATING INCOME**

<u>Line</u>	ltem	2009 Total NSP	2009 <u>S.D. Juris.</u>	2008 <u>S.D. Juris.</u>	Annual <u>Change</u>
	<b>Operating Revenues:</b>				
1	Residential	1,006,379	58,656	58,628	0.0%
2	Small Comm. & Ind.	1,151,934	63,781	65,732	-3.0%
3	Large Comm. & Ind.	588,058	18,170	21,444	-15.3%
4	Other <sup>1</sup>	699,747	34,974	37,579	-6.9%
5	Total Revenues:	3,446,118	175,581	183,384	-4.3%
	Operating Expenses:				
6	Production	1,829,207	99,911	108,383	-7.8%
7	Transmission	160,634	8,725	7,551	15.5%
8	Distribution	102,530	5,828	5,917	-1.5%
9	Customer Billing	60,986	4,088	4,212	-2.9%
10	Customer Service	60,889	342	415	-17.6%
11	Sales & Marketing	294	54	53	1.9%
12	Admin. & General	195,438	11,796	9,809	20.3%
13	Depreciation & Amortization	357,239	21,413	20,275	5.6%
14	Property Taxes	102,902	4,744	4,436	6.9%
15	Other General Taxes <sup>2</sup>	29,006	1,628	1,381	17.9%
16	Income Taxes	23,973	(3,350)	(258)	1198.4%
17	Deferred Income Taxes & ITC	136,086	6,770	5,125	32.1%
18	Total Expenses:	3,059,183	161,949	167,299	-3.2%
19	Regulated Operating Income	386,935	13,632	16,085	-15.3%

<sup>1</sup> Includes primarily public street & highway lighting, sales to public authorities, interchange billings, other electric operatir revenues.

<sup>2</sup> Includes payroll taxes.

(Dollars In Thousands)

#### **III. AVERAGE RATE BASE**

<u>Line</u>	<u>ltem</u>	2009 Total NSP	<b>2009</b> <sup>2</sup> <u>S.D. Juris.</u>	2008 <sup>3</sup> <u>S.D. Juris.</u>	Annual <u>Change</u>
1	Plant in Service	11,870,405	655,697	589,212	11.3%
2	Accumulated Depreciation	6,084,829	331,882	312,270	6.3%
3	Net Plant in Service	5,785,576	323,815	276,942	16.9%
4	Plant Held for Future Use	0	0	0	*
5	Construct Work in Progress	0	0	0	*
6	Materials and Supplies	100,549	5,411	4,944	9.4%
7	Fuel Stocks	99,614	5,434	5,879	-7.6%
8	Prepayments & Other Rate Base	56,209	7,978	6,296	26.7%
9	Customer Deposits	(1,715)	(102)	(63)	61.9%
10	Cash Working Capital	0	0	0	*
11	Other Rate Base <sup>1</sup>	(45,099)	(2,476)	(2,637)	-6.1%
12	Accum. Deferred Taxes	(1,039,093)	(60,684)	(50,603)	19.9%
13	Total Other Rate Base	(829,535)	(44,439)	(36,184)	22.8%
14	Total Average Rate Base	4,956,041	279,376	240,758	16.0%

<sup>1</sup> Includes deferred assets and liabilities such as accrued vacations, post-retirement medical benefits (FASB 106), post employment benefits (FASB 112), unfunded pension liability, environmental cleanup, severance accrual, etc.

<sup>2</sup> 2009 rate base is based on an average of beginning-of-year and end-of-year balances.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 2008 average rate base is based on 13 monthly averages. This convention was used because of the close proximity of this report to the general rate case.

(Dollars In Thousands)

#### IV. COST OF CAPITAL

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<u>Line</u>	ltem	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>Cost</u>	Weighted <u>Cost</u>
1	Long-Term Debt <sup>1</sup>	\$2,867,517	47.06%	6.56%	3.09%
2	Short-Term Debt <sup>1</sup>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
3	Total Debt	\$2,867,517	47.06%	6.56%	3.09%
4	Preferred Stock <sup>2</sup>	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
5	Common Equity <sup>2</sup>	<u>\$3,225,395</u>	<u>52.94%</u>	3.38%	1.79%
6	Total Equity	\$3,225,395	52.94%		
7	Total Capital	\$6,092,912	100.00%		<mark>4.88%</mark>

#### 2009 Normalized

<u>Line</u>	ltem	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>Cost</u>	Weighted <u>Cost</u>
8	Long-Term Debt <sup>1</sup>	\$2,867,517	47.06%	6.56%	3.10%
9	Short-Term Debt <sup>1</sup>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
10	Total Debt	2,867,517	47.06%	6.58%	3.10%
	<u>_</u>				
11	Preferred Stock <sup>2</sup>	\$0	0.00%		0.00%
12	Common Equity <sup>2</sup>	<u>\$3,225,395</u>	<u>52.94%</u>	4.23%	2.23%
13	Total Equity	\$3,225,395	52.94%		
14	Total Capital	\$6,092,912	100.00%		5.33%

<sup>1</sup> Long-term and short-term debt are 12 month averages

<sup>2</sup> Preferred stock and common stock are 13 month averages

(Dollars In Thousands)

#### V. REQUIRED RATE OF RETURN

#### 2009 Based on 11.25% ROE

Line	ltem	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>Cost</u>	Weighted <u>Cost</u>
1	Long-Term Debt <sup>1</sup>	\$2,867,517	47.06%	6.56%	3.09%
2	Short-Term Debt <sup>1</sup>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
3	Total Debt	\$2,867,517	47.06%	6.57%	3.09%
4	Preferred Stock <sup>2</sup>	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
5	Common Equity <sup>2</sup>	<u>\$3,225,395</u>	<u>52.94%</u>	<u>11.25%</u>	5.96%
6	Total Equity	\$3,225,395	52.94%		
7	Total Capital	\$6,092,912	100.00%		9.05%

#### 2009 Based on 9.5% ROE

<u>Line</u>	ltem	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>Cost</u>	Weighted <u>Cost</u>
8	Long-Term Debt <sup>1</sup>	\$2,867,517	47.06%	6.56%	3.09%
9	Short-Term Debt <sup>1</sup>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
10	Total Debt	2,867,517	47.06%	6.57%	3.09%
11	Preferred Stock <sup>2</sup>	\$0	0.00%		0.00%
12	Common Equity <sup>2</sup>	\$3,225,395	52.94%	9.50%	5.03%
				9.00%	5.05%
13	Total Equity	\$3,225,395	52.94%		
14	Total Capital	\$6,092,912	100.00%		<mark>8.12%</mark>

<sup>1</sup> Long-term and short-term debt are 12 month averages

<sup>2</sup> Preferred stock and common stock are 13 month averages

(Dollars In Thousands)

#### VI. REVENUE DEFICIENCY

200	9 Based on 11.25% ROE		Weather Normalized 2009 <u>S.D. Juris.</u>	
Line	ltem	Actual 2009 <u>S.D. Juris.</u>		
	Revenue Deficiency			
1	Total Operating Income	13,632	14,891	
2	Total Average Rate Base	279,376	279,376	
3	Require Operating Income (Rate Base * Required Return)	25,284	25,284	
4	Operating Income	13,632	14,891	
5	Operating Income Deficiency	11,652	10,393	
6	Revenue Conversion Factor ( 1/(1-Composite Tax Rate) )	1.53846	1.53846	
7	Revenue Deficiency (Income Deficiency * Conversion Factor)	17,924	15,990	

200	9 Based on 9.5% ROE		Weather Normalized 2009 <u>S.D. Juris.</u>	
Line	<u>ltem</u>	Actual 2009 <u>S.D. Juris.</u>		
	Revenue Deficiency			
8	Total Operating Income	13,632	14,891	
9	Total Average Rate Base	279,376	279,376	
10	Require Operating Income (Rate Base * Required Return)	22,685	22,685	
11	Operating Income	13,632	14,891	
12	Operating Income Deficiency	9,053	7,794	
13	Revenue Conversion Factor ( 1/(1-Composite Tax Rate) )	1.53846	1.53846	
14	Revenue Deficiency (Income Deficiency * Conversion Factor)	13,927	11,992	

ROE = 3.38% Deficiency = \$17,926 % Increase = 12.65% Required ROE = 11.25%

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## Northern States Power Company (SD) Electric Utility - South Dakota Retail Jurisdiction Cost of Service Study 2009 Actuals

**With Retail Revenues** 

May 25, 2010

#### Northern States Power Company (SD) Electric Utility - South Dakota Retail Jurisdiction Cost of Service Study 2009 Actuals (Dollars in Thousands)

#### Rate Base Summary

		Total Company Electric		SD	SD Retail Electric			All Other		
		Beginning	Ending	Average	Beginning	Ending	Average	Beginning	Ending	Average
		<u>Balance</u>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Balance</b>
1	Plant Investment	11,512,058	12,228,752	11,870,405	635,929	675,464	655,697	10,876,129	11,553,288	11,214,708
2	Depreciation Reserve	<u>(5,965,775)</u>	<u>(6,203,883)</u>	<u>(6,084,829)</u>	<u>(324,570)</u>	<u>(339,193)</u>	<u>(331,882)</u>	<u>(5,641,205)</u>	<u>(5,864,690)</u>	<u>(5,752,947)</u>
3	Net Utility Plant	5,546,283	6,024,869	5,785,576	311,359	336,271	323,815	5,234,924	5,688,598	5,461,761
4	C.W.I.P.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5		(969,643)	(1,108,542)	(1,039,093)	(57,236)	(64,131)	(60,684)	(912,407)	(1,044,411)	(978,409)
	Other Rate Base:	2		0	0	•	2			<u> </u>
6	Cash Working Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Materials & Supplies	100,549	100,549	100,549	5,411	5,411	5,411	95,138	95,138	95,138
8	Fuel Inventory	99,614	99,614	99,614	5,434	5,434	5,434	94,180	94,180	94,180
9	Non-Plant Assets & Liab	(46,698)	(43,500)	(45,099)	(2,562)	(2,389)	(2,476)	(44,136)	(41,111)	(42,623)
10	Prepaids & Other	44,331	64,657	54,494	7,307	8,444	7,876	37,024	56,213	46,618
11	Total Rate Base	4,774,436	5,137,647	4,956,041	269,713	289,040	279,376	4,504,723	4,848,607	4,676,665

#### Northern States Power Company (SD) Electric Utility - South Dakota Retail Jurisdiction Cost of Service Study 2009 Actuals (Dollars in Thousands)

#### **Income Statement Summary**

	Total Company Electric	SD Retail Electric	All Other
Operating Revenues			
Retail	2,778,353	141,734	2,636,619
CIP Adjustment to Program Costs	0	-	0
Interdepartmental	414	-	414
Other Operating	667,351	33,847	633,504
Gross Earnings Tax	0		0
Total Operating Revenues	3,446,118	175,581	3,270,537
Expenses			
Operating Expenses:			
Fuel & Purchased Energy	1,161,186	64,164	1,097,022
Power Production	668,021	35,747	632,274
Transmission	160,634	8,725	151,909
Distribution	102,530	5,828	96,702
Customer Accounting	60,986	4,088	56,898
Customer Service & Information	60,889	342	60,547
Sales, Econ Dvlp & Other	294	54	240
Administrative & General	195,438	11,796	183,642
Total Operating Expenses	2,409,978	130,744	2,279,234
Depreciation	315,504	20,400	295,104
Amortization	41,735	1,013	40,722
Taxes:			
Property	102,902	4,744	98,158
Gross Earnings	0	-	0
Deferred Income Tax & ITC	136,086	6,770	129,316
State & Federal Income (see Pag	e 3) 23,973	(3,350)	27,322
Payroll & Other	29,006	1,628	27,378
Total Taxes	291,967	9,792	282,174
Total Expenses	3,059,183	161,949	2,897,234
AFUDC	0	-	0

13,632

386,935

373,303

#### Northern States Power Company (SD)

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**2009 Actuals** (Dollars in Thousands)

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#### Income Tax Summary

		Total Company Electric	SD Retail Electric	All Other
	Income Before Taxes			
1	Total Operating Revenues	3,446,118	175,581	3,270,537
2	less: Total Operating Expenses	(2,409,978)	(130,744)	(2,279,234)
3	Book Depreciation & Amortization	(357,239)	(21,413)	(335,826)
4	Taxes (Other Than Current Income)	(267,994)	(13,142)	(254,852)
5	Total Before Tax Book Income	410,907	10,282	400,625
	Tax Additions			
6	Book Depreciation	315,504	20,400	295,104
7	Deferred Income Taxes & ITC	136,086	6,770	129,316
8	Nuclear Fuel Burn (ex D&D)	92,085	4,902	87,183
9	Nuclear Outage Accounting	35,729	2,103	33,626
10	Avoided Tax Interest	28,858	1,513	27,345
11	Config Mgmt	57	57	0
12	Open Line	0	0	0
13	Open Line	0	0	0
14	Open Line	0	0	0
15	Open Line	0	0	0
16	Other Book Additions	0	0	0
17	Total Tax Additions	608,319	35,745	572,574
	Tax Deductions			
18	Debt Interest Expense	153,142	8,633	144,509
19	Tax Depreciation & Removal	768,367	44,620	723,747
20	Manufacture Production Deduction	1,342	83	1,259
21	Open	0	0	0
22	Open	0	0	0
23	Open	0	0	0
24	Other Tax/Book Timing Differences	14,842	873	13,969
25	Net Preferred Stock Deduction	0	0	0
26	Total Tax Deductions	937,693	54,209	883,484
27	State Taxable Income	81,533	(8,182)	89,715
28	State Income Tax Rate	9.00%	0.00%	N/A
29	State Taxes before Credits	7,342	0	7,342
30	State Credits	531	0	531
31	Total State Income Taxes	6,811	0	6,811
32	Federal Taxable Income	74,723	(8,182)	82,904
33	Federal Income Tax Rate	35.00%	35.00%	35.00%
34	Federal Tax before Credits	26,153	(2,864)	29,017
35	Federal Tax Credits	8,991	486	8,505
36	Total Federal Income Taxes	17,162	(3,350)	20,512
37	Total Federal & State Income Taxes	23,973	(3,350)	27,322

#### Northern States Power Company (SD) Electric Utility - South Dakota Retail Jurisdiction Cost of Service Study 2009 Actuals

#### **Revenue Requirement & Return Summary**

(Dollars in Thousands)

(Don	ars in Thousands)			Weighted				
	Capital Structure	Rate	Ratio	Cost			Income Tax Rates	0.00%
1	Long Term Debt	6.5621%	47.0632%	3.0900%		State of South Dakota Tax rate		
2	Short Term Debt	0.0000%	0.0000%	0.0000%			tutory Tax rate 35.00	
3	Preferred Stock	0.0000%	0.0000%	0.0000%			ective Tax Rate (1-State Rate*Fed Rate)	
4	Common Equity	11.2500%	52.9368%	5.9600%			n Dakota Composite Tax Rate	35.00%
5	Required Rate of	Return		9.0500%		Total Corpo	orate Composite Tax Rate	40.85%
	Rate of Return (ROR			<u>Total C</u>	Company E	<u>Electric</u>	SD Retail Electric	All Other
6	Total Operating Inc	ome			386,935		13,632	373,303
7	Total Average Rate	e Base			4,956,041		279,376	4,676,665
8	ROR (Operating Inco	ome / Rate Ba	ase)	-	7.81%		4.88%	7.98%
	Return on Equity (R	0E)						
9	Total Operating Inc	ome			386,935		13,632	373,303
10	Debt Interest (Rate	Base * Weig	hted Debt Co	st)	(153,142)		(8,633)	(144,509)
11	Preferred Stock (Ra		eighted Prefe	rred Cost)	0		0	0
12	Earnings Available	for Common			233,793		4,999	228,794
13	Equity Rate Base (	Rate Base *	Equity Ratio)	-	2,623,570		147,893	2,475,677
14	ROE (Earnings for C	ommon / Eq	uity Rate Ba	se)	8.91%		3.38%	9.24%
	Revenue Deficiency							
15	Require Operating	Income (Rate	e Base * Requ	uired Returi			25,284	423,238
16	Operating Income			-	386,935		13,632	373,303
17	Operating Income I	Deficiency			61,587		11,652	49,935
18	Revenue Conversion Factor ( 1/(1-Composite Tax Rate)			1.69070		1.53846	N/A	
19	Revenue Deficiency	(Income Def	iciency * Cor	nversion F	104,126		17,926	86,200
	Total Retail Revenue		nts					
20	Retail Related Rev				2,778,767		141,734	2,637,033
21	Revenue Deficienc	У		-	104,126		17,926	86,200
22	Total Retail Revenue	e Requireme	nts		2,882,893		159,660	2,723,233
23	Percentage Increase	(Decrease)			3.75%		12.65%	3.27%