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VIA E-FILING

Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

**Re: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF XCEL ENERGY FOR A
PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT 6.5 MILES OF 115 KV TRANSMISSION LINE AND
ASSOCIATED MODIFICATIONS TO THE BROOKINGS SUBSTATION
SDPUC Docket No.: EL08-001**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed is a third motion to extend the final approval deadline in the above-referenced docket. An extension until January 31, 2009 is requested.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa M. Agrimonti", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lisa M. Agrimonti

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Enclosure

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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**THIRD MOTION TO EXTEND FINAL
APPROVAL DEADLINE**

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (“Xcel Energy” or the “Company”) moves the Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota (“Commission”) to extend the deadline for the Commission’s final approval of the project in this docket to January 31, 2009

This motion is based upon the following considerations:

1. Xcel Energy filed this matter on January 31, 2008.
2. The Commission previously granted an extension of the six-month deadline imposed by SDCL § 49-41B-25 for the Commission’s final decision until October 31, 2008.
3. The Commission granted a further extension until November 30, 2008.
4. Xcel Energy is negotiating pole locations with one landowner which negotiations may require adjustments to the final design. Xcel Energy believes it can resolve this issue and submit final documentation to the Commission by the end of December 2008.
5. It would create unnecessary delay and additional expense to require Xcel Energy to refile this proceeding and commence the process anew.
6. For these reasons, Xcel Energy waives Commission compliance with the six-month deadline in SDCL § 49-41B-25 and respectfully requests that the Commission extend the time for resolution of the docket for a reasonable period of time to permit the finalization of pole locations for the route.

WHEREFORE, Xcel Energy prays that the Commission grant its motion to extend the deadline for the Commission’s final decision as requested above.

Dated this 14th day of November, 2008.

BRIGGS AND MORGAN, P. A.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Debra K. Brown, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 14th day of November, 2008, she filed and served upon all parties the attached Third Motion to Extend Final Approval Deadline electronically through the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission website.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this
14th day of November, 2008.


Notary Public

