

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE)	EL08-028
CONSIDERATION OF THE NEW)	XCEL ENERGY'S PETITION
PURPA STANDARDS)	TO INTERVENE

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation ("Xcel Energy") petitions the Commission to intervene in the captioned docket, as follows:

1. The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 was signed into law on December 19, 2007. That law includes four new federal standards to PURPA which must be considered by the Commission.

2. The captioned docket was opened by the Commission to consider the new PURPA standards.

3. Xcel Energy is an investor-owned, rate-regulated, public utility serving electric customers in this state. As such, it is an affected utility, subject to standards established by the new PURPA amendments. As a consequence, Xcel Energy has a direct business interest in the proceedings and their outcome in this docket. Therefore, Xcel Energy requests intervention in this docket.

4. As a public utility under the supervision of the Commission, Xcel Energy has interests in the outcome of the docket which cannot be fully and adequately represented by the existing parties.

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

Dated this 24th day of December, 2008.

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