

**BEFORE THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

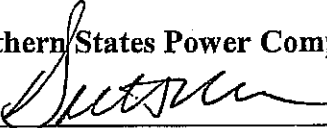
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION, REGARDING THE 2011 ENVIRONMENTAL COST RECOVERY RIDER AND 2010 ECR TRACKER REPORT	) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) )	Docket No. EL10-012  JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT STIPULATION
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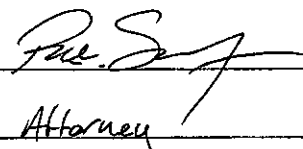
Northern States Power Company (Xcel) and the Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission Staff), collectively referred to as Parties, hereby file this Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The Parties request the Commission to adopt the Settlement Stipulation as the resolution of all issues in Commission Docket No. EL10-012. In support of this motion, the Parties submit as follows:

1. This motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19.
2. The Settlement Stipulation resolving all issues in Docket No. EL10-012.
3. Revised tariff sheets to reflect the Parties settlement.

The Settlement Stipulation represents the Parties conclusions that resolution is in the best interests of the Parties and the general public to reach a negotiated settlement of specific issues in this docket and that the terms of the Settlement Stipulation agreed upon are just, fair, reasonable, and consistent with South Dakota law.

For the foregoing reasons, the undersigned Parties jointly request the Commission to grant the Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation and adopt the Settlement Stipulation without modification.

Northern States Power Company  
 By:   
 Its: Attorney  
 Date: 6/22/11

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
 By:   
 Its: Attorney  
 Date: 06/22/11