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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

RE: ENVIRONMENTAL COST RECOVERY RIDER
Docket No.EL10-012

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On July 1, 2011, Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation ("Xcel Energy" or the "Company") implemented revised rates to the Company's Environmental Cost Recovery Rider (Docket No. EL10-012). The tariff revisions reflect the 2011 revenue requirement to be recovered during the period of July through December 2011. The Company also has a pending rate case (Docket No. EL11-019) with a decision and revised rates expected in early 2012.

As a result, we will not be proposing a 2012 update to our Environmental Cost Recovery Rider at this time. It is our intent to file an update to this tariff as part of our rate case compliance filing that will reflect only the remaining credit or debit balance in the tracker account that would need to be recovered from or returned to customers in 2012.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J Wilcox'.

Jim Wilcox