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July 30, 2012

--VIA ELECTRONIC FILING--

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

RE: APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION, FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE IN SOUTH DAKOTA
FINAL RATE COMPLIANCE – ECR TARIFF
DOCKET NO. EL11-019

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company will be implementing the final rates on tariffs as approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's July 18, 2012 Order beginning with electric service provided on and after August 1, 2012. Consistent with the Commission's approval to move the Environmental Cost Recovery ("ECR") rider cost recovery to base rates, attached is a legislative and final version of the ECR tariff page setting the ECR rate to \$0.00.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing please contact Deb Paulson at (612) 330-7571 or debra.j.paulson@xcelenergy.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. C. Wilcox'.

JAMES C. WILCOX
MANAGER, GOVERNMENT AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Enclosures