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April 3, 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 57501-5070

RE: NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF SECOND PAYMENT  
CREDIT MECHANISM FOR A DOE SETTLEMENT  
DOCKET NO. EL-11-023

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company submits this filing in compliance with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's January 30, 2012 ORDER in the above-referenced Docket.

Specifically, the Order requires:

ORDERED, that Xcel shall use the same one-time bill credit method for returning future Settlement proceeds to customers within 90 days of receipt from DOE. Within 30 days of receipt of the Settlement proceeds from the DOE, Xcel shall provide the same documentation for future payments as it provided for the initial payment. Xcel shall refund the Settlement proceeds within 90 days of receipt from DOE. A compliance filing showing the amount of the DOE Settlement and interest actually earned will be made within 30 days of completing the credit process;

The Company received the second payment totaling \$18,646,577.39 on March 15, 2012. Like the first payment, we deposited the funds into an external interest bearing account. Please see Attachment A for a copy of the wire transfer confirming the amount received. We have redacted company sensitive banking information contained on the wire transfer documentation.

Implementation of the credit to South Dakota customers resulting from the first payment will begin April 14<sup>th</sup>. We intend to include the credit for the second settlement payment with implementation of the credit for the first payment.

Please see Attachment B for a breakdown of the jurisdictional amount for South Dakota retail customers and allocations of the second payment by customer class.

In its January 30, 2012 Order, the Commission approved an offset to the settlement awards for the litigation expenses incurred prior to any amounts related to this case being included in rates. The credit for the first settlement payment will be offset by \$264,420 for litigation expenses incurred through 2008 and the credit for the second settlement payment will be offset by \$50,558 for litigation expenses incurred in 2009. Rates put into effect in 2010 did include some amount for expenses related to this case. Accordingly, we do not propose any future offsets for litigation expenses.

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Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosures