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**--Via Electronic Filing--**

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Capitol Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
500 E. Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: 2013 TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY ELIGIBILITY AND RATE  
ADJUSTMENT PETITION  
DOCKET NO. EL13-\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits the enclosed 2013 Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Petition for approval of project eligibility, TCR rate factors, and tracker account report. We have prepared this petition in accord with the Settlement Stipulation Agreement reached in our last TCR rate rider proceeding which was approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission in its Order dated August 17, 2012 in Docket No. EL12-035.

Please call me at (612) 330-7529 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

SINCERELY,

/s/

PAUL J LEHMAN  
MANAGER, REGULATORY COMPLIANCE & FILINGS

Enclosure