

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF) NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY) DBA XCEL ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF) ITS 2013 TRANSMISSION COST) RECOVERY ELIGIBILITY AND RATE) ADJUSTMENT)	JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT STIPULATION EL13-006
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Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy ("Xcel Energy"), and the Staff of South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission Staff"), jointly referred to as "Parties," hereby file this joint motion and request the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission to approve the attached Settlement Stipulation as the settlement and resolution of all issues in this proceeding. In support of this motion, the Parties submit as follows:

1. This Joint Motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19.
2. The Settlement Stipulation resolves all of the issues in Docket No. EL13-006.
3. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation represents a negotiated settlement of specific issues in this case. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation agreed upon are just and reasonable and consistent with South Dakota law.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned Parties jointly request the Commission to adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation without modification for the purpose of resolving all issues in Docket No. EL13-006.

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