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June 3, 2015

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

RE: APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A SERVICE TERRITORY, "CUSTOMER", RELEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN XCEL ENERGY SIOUX VALLEY SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. DOCKET NO. EL15-___

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits the enclosed petition to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for approval of a service territory, "customer", release agreement with Sioux Valley Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc.

This agreement seeks to modify an existing customer service located in section 34 of T107N R53W in Lake County, South Dakota. The customer address is [REDACTED]

Attached Exhibits A and B to the new agreement provide additional detail to this request. The "red" box, in Exhibit A, indicates the property and address of the customer which will be transferred. In addition to this, a note has been provided to show the existing Xcel Energy utility pole that will be used temporarily by Sioux Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. Exhibit B provides a letter of understanding from the customer.

For convenience of all of the parties, we have agreed to release this service territory, "customer", as depicted on the diagram so that 3-phase electric service, which better operates customer equipment, can be obtained.

In accordance with ARSD §§ 20:10:01:39 through 42, Xcel Energy respectfully requests confidential treatment of certain information contained in this filing. In compliance with ARSD § 20:10:01:41, we have clearly marked each page containing confidential information as “**CONFIDENTIAL**”.

Pursuant to ARSD § 20:10:01:41, we provide the following information in support of our request:

- (1) We request confidential treatment of these listed documents in their Entirety:
Confidential petition cover letter dated June 3, 2015 including Exhibits A and B and the executed Service Territory Release Agreement dated May 18, 2015.

The Company treats customer information as highly confidential information, and it is our policy and practice to not release customer names or addresses to the public.

- (2) We request these documents be treated as confidential forever.
- (3) If you have questions regarding this request please contact:
James Denniston
Assistant General Counsel
Xcel Energy Services Inc.
414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55401
(612) 215-4656
- (4) We request confidential treatment on the grounds that the material is confidential customer information. The information meets the definition of “proprietary information” under SDCL § 1-27-28, which is defined as “information on pricing, costs, revenue, taxes, market share, customers, and personnel held by private entities and used for that private entity’s business purposes.”
- (5) The noted documents qualify for confidential treatment because they contain proprietary business information which the Company does not disclose to the public. In addition, the Company treats customer

information as highly confidential information, and it is our policy and practice to not release customer names or addresses to the public.

We request that communications regarding this Application be directed to:

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Sincerely,



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Enclosures