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November 21, 2016

—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: NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF SEVENTH DOE SETTLEMENT PAYMENT
DOCKET NO. EL16-001

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, provides this notification to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission regarding receipt of the seventh payment from an extended settlement with the Department of Energy in the above noted docket. In its February 17, 2016 Order, the Commission directed the Company to provide notification and documentation within 30 days of receiving future DOE settlement payments consistent with the Commission's Order in Docket EL 11-023.

The Company received the seventh payment totaling \$18,740,560 on October 26, 2016. Like the previous payments, 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.

Attachment B provides the South Dakota jurisdictional amount, allocations by customer class and the estimated credit per customer class, not including interest and less bank fees. In addition, we are including an under credit amount of \$9,125 from the sixth payment as reported in our June 6, 2016 compliance filing in this docket which will be included with this customer bill credit. Consistent with the

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first six payments, allocations to each jurisdiction have been calculated using the allocation factors which correspond to the period when the damages were incurred. The seventh settlement payment covers 2015 damages, thus 2015 allocation factors were used.

Upon completion of the customer credit, we will submit a summary similar to Attachment B with the actual amounts credited and the average credit by customer class. Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at 612-330-6935.

Sincerely,

/s/

GAIL BARANKO
MANAGER, REGULATORY PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Enclosures