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December 8, 2017

—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 EIGHTH DOE SETTLEMENT PAYMENT
COMPLIANCE FILING
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 eighth 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 EL11-023.

The Company received the eighth payment totaling \$15,180,484.80 on November 13, 2017. 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 sensitive company 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. Consistent with the first seven payments, allocations to each jurisdiction have been calculated using the allocation factors which correspond to

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the period when the damages were incurred. The eighth settlement payment covers 2016 damages, thus 2016 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.

Please contact me at 605-339-8350 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Kolbeck". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

STEVE KOLBECK
PRINCIPAL MANAGER

Enclosures