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--Via Electronic Filing--

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

RE: 2017 INFRASTRUCTURE RIDER PROJECT ELIGIBILITY AND FACTOR UPDATE
DOCKET NO. EL16-_____

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits the enclosed 2017 Infrastructure Rider Petition for approval of a revised Infrastructure rider Adjustment Factor, and the Tracker Account report, and for approval of project eligibility for projects not previously included in the rider. We have prepared this Petition consistent with the terms of the Settlement Agreement as approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's Order approving our most recent rate case filing in Docket No. EL14-058.

Please contact Rebecca Eilers at 612-330-5570 or rebecca.d.eilers@xcelenergy.com or call me at (605) 339-8303 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

SINCERELY,

/s/

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS MANAGER

Enclosure