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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: RESPONSE TO COMMISSION STAFF'S MOTION TO SHOW CAUSE
INVESTIGATION OF XCEL ENERGY'S PROPOSED FUEL CLAUSE RIDER
DOCKET NO. EL16-037

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits the enclosed Response to Commission Staff's Motion to Show Cause to investigate the Company's proposed fuel clause rider.

Please contact me at 612-330-5723 or laura.mccarten@xcelenergy.com or Steve Kolbeck, Principal Manager, at 605-339-8350 or steven.t.kolbeck@xcelenergy.com if you have any questions regarding this filing.

SINCERELY,

/s/

LAURA MCCARTEN
REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

Enclosure