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Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Docket No. EL16-037, In the Matter of Commission Staff's Request to Investigate Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy's Proposed Fuel Clause Rider

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

Enclosed for filing, please find Staff's Petition to Suspend Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy's Proposed Fuel Clause Rider along with associated Attachments. Because Xcel considers certain information included in the petition to be confidential, we are providing both a confidential and a public version. Xcel has agreed to waive service of process for this Petition. Therefore, the Petition will be provided to Xcel by copy of this filing.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kristen N. Edwards

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