PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Kristie Fiegen Gary Hanson Chris Nelson Chairperson Vice Chairman Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF 2016 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND 2017 BUDGET

DOCKET NO.: EL17-____

PETITION

INTRODUCTION

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, operating in South Dakota, submits the enclosed documents, which are in accordance with Docket EL91-004 and EL14-058, to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for approval of our 2016 Economic Development Activities and 2017 Budget.

I. GENERAL FILING INFORMATION

A. Utility Employee Responsible for Filing

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B. Name, Address and Telephone Number of Utility Attorney

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C. Date of Filing and Date Modified Rates Take Effect

Xcel Energy submits this Petition for approval on March 16, 2017. This submission has no effect on current rates.

II. DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF FILING

The Company submits the enclosed documents for approval of our 2016 Economic Development Activities and proposed 2017 Economic Development Budget.

The report is organized as follows:

Attachment A: 2016 Economic Development BudgetAttachment B: 2016 Economic Development ExpendituresAttachment C: Proposed 2017 Economic Development Budget.

In addition, Attachment D provides documentation in support of the Company's actual 2017 economic development expenditures. The Company's bank account information has been redacted.

III. EFFECT OF THE CHANGE UPON XCEL ENERGY REVENUE

There is no effect on the Company's current revenues.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

The Company requests that the following persons be placed on the Commission's official service list for this matter:

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CONCLUSION

The Company respectfully requests the Commission approve the proposed 2016 Economic Development Activities and 2017 Budget.

Dated: March 16, 2017

Northern States Power Company