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June 21, 2018

—VIA ELECTRONIC FILING—

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

RE: APPLICATION BY DAKOTA RANGE I, LLC & DAKOTA RANGE II, LLC FOR A
PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY IN GRANT COUNTY AND CODINGTON
COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR THE DAKOTA RANGE WIND FARM
DOCKET NO. EL18-003

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy (“NSP” or the “Company”), submits this letter to clarify certain issues related to the Company’s eventual ownership of the Dakota Range Wind Farm.

The Dakota Range Wind Farm is the subject of a September 22, 2017 Purchase and Sale Agreement (“PSA”) between the Company and APEX GCL, LLC. The closure of that transaction is contingent upon a number of terms and conditions specified in the PSA, including various regulatory approvals. Following closure of the transaction, the Company will own one-hundred percent of the membership interest in Dakota Range I, LLC and Dakota Range II, LLC. The Company will also be responsible for construction of the wind farm, and construction will not begin at the site until the PSA has closed. To that end, the Company will also request that the site permit be transferred to NSP following closure of the PSA.

The Company ultimately intends to merge Dakota Range I, LLC and Dakota Range II, LLC into NSP, at which point all of the assets associated with the Dakota Range

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Wind Farm would be owned by NSP. As owner, NSP would be responsible to provide funding for the decommissioning and removal of the Dakota Range Wind Farm.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Steve Kolbeck at steven.t.kolbeck@xcelenergy.com or 605-339-8350.

Sincerely,

/s/

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PRINCIPAL MANAGER – SOUTH DAKOTA