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May 14, 2012

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

Re: Docket PS12-002

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation operating in South Dakota, submitted its initial response to the Report of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff on May 3, 2012 in the above-referenced docket. We indicated we were in the process of rewriting the Company's Drug and Alcohol Plan and would submit the revised Drug and Alcohol Plan to the Commission by May 15, 2012.

We are continuing to work on our revised Drug and Alcohol Plan. We propose to extend the due date for the revised plan until June 30, 2012 to continue our efforts. The Company has discussed this proposal with Commission Staff and it is our understanding that Staff supports this schedule revision.

If there is any additional assistance I may provide, please contact Lisa Kallberg at 651-229-2282 or myself at 651-229-2435.

Sincerely,

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