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June 29, 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 were granted an extension by Commission Staff to submit the final plan by June 30, 2012.

A copy of the Xcel Energy Anti Drug and Alcohol Mis-use Prevention Plan was submitted to Commission Staff, Nathan Solem and Joshua Williams, on Friday June 29, 2012 via email.

If there is any additional assistance I may provide, please contact Lisa Kallberg at 651-229-2282 or myself at 651-229-2214.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Heather M. Risley'.

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