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—Via Electronic Filing—

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

RE: APRIL 2015 FUEL CLAUSE CHARGE

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy and operating in South Dakota, hereby submits its electric fuel clause charge (FCC) for April 2015.

Pursuant to Commission authorization of the final compliance tariffs in the Company's 2012 rate proceeding (Docket No. EL12-046), the new Fuel Adjustment Factor (FAF) listed on table below became effective along with the final rates on May 1, 2013. On June 23, 2014, the Company submitted an application for an increase in rates (Docket No. EL-14-058). Pursuant to S.D. Codified Laws Section 49-34A-17, an interim rate increase, subject to refund with interest, took effect on January 1, 2015. This interim rate change has no impact on the FCC.

FAF Ratio	Previous	Current
Residential	1.0119	1.0216
C & I Non-Demand	1.0268	1.0204
C & I Demand	1.0089	0.9993
C & I Demand TOD On-Peak	1.2537	1.2532
C & I Demand TOD Off-Peak	0.7910	0.7947
Outdoor Lighting	0.7629	0.7421

The table below shows the new Fuel Cost Charge by service category:

April 2015	Fuel Cost Charge (\$/kWh)
Residential	0.02670
C & I Non-Demand	0.02667
C & I Demand	0.02612
C & I Demand Time of Day On-Peak	0.03275
C & I Demand Time of Day Off-Peak	0.02077
Outdoor Lighting	0.01940

MISO CHARGES IMPLEMENTATION

MISO Day 2 Charges

This filing includes our reporting of the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (MISO, formerly Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.) charges under the Day 2 Market. Pursuant to the Commission’s April 7, 2005 Order in Docket No. EL05-008, Xcel Energy is authorized to recover the MISO Day 2 costs through the Fuel Clause Rider. On February 12, 2009, the Commission approved the Fuel Clause Rider tariff revisions (Docket No. EL08-035), which allowed the new MISO Day 2 charge types: Schedule 24, Auction Revenue Rights, and the new Financial Transmission Rights charge types, to be reflected in the Fuel Clause Rider. In compliance with this Order and the required “net” accounting of Day 2 costs and revenues, we have included in the April 2015 FCC, the net MISO Day 2 costs for February 2015 as recorded in Account 555. The MISO Day 2 cost recovery included in this April 2015 FCC is \$8,617,678, which is the net of many items. Pursuant to the above mentioned Orders, the Company also provides more detailed records in Attachment 2, page 1 to support the calculation of the MISO Day 2 costs.

MISO ASM Charges

Also pursuant to the Commission’s February 12, 2009 Order in Docket No. EL08-035, the MISO Ancillary Services Market (ASM) charges and the ASM-related costs and revenues are approved to be included in rates through the Fuel Clause Rider. In