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Re: 2008 Customer Energy Buyback Program Report

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

Pursuant to the Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy ("Company") Customer Energy Buyback Program tariff authorized by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") in Docket Nos. EL00-013, EL02-007 and EL03-018, the Company hereby reports to the Commission that there was no customer buyback activity during the summer of 2008.

The Company did not need to utilize this buyback option mainly due to manageable forced outages and available energy at reasonable market prices in the region. No customers from South Dakota participated in this program in 2008.

The Company believes the Customer Energy Buyback is a viable option at times when the system reliability is at risk. The Company will continue to administer this buyback program according to the terms and conditions set forth by the Commission in its Order.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 605-339-8350.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'J Wilcox'.

Jim Wilcox
Manager, Government & Regulatory Affairs