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

RE: 2010 CUSTOMER ENERGY BUYBACK PROGRAM REPORT

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

Pursuant to the Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (“Xcel Energy” or the “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 2010.

The Company did not need to utilize this buyback option in 2010 mainly due to manageable forced outages and available energy at reasonable market prices in the region. No customers from South Dakota participated in the Committed Load Reduction (CLR) program in 2010. In 2010, there were 12 customers with approximately 27 MW of CLR participating in this program in North Dakota and Minnesota.

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, or John Chow at 612-330-7588.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Wilcox". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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