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December 6, 2005

Ms. Heather Forney
Acting Executive Director of the Commission
Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

**In The Matter Of The Application Of Xcel Energy
For A Construction Permit To Build 9.6 Miles Of The Split
Rock To Lakefield Junction 345 kV Transmission Line And
Add Facilities To The Split Rock Substation**

**SDPUC DOCKET
NO. EL05-023**

RE: APPLICANT'S VERIFICATION

Dear Ms. Forney

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation d/b/a Xcel Energy, submits the attached verification of the truth and accuracy of the Application for the above project per ARSD 20:10:22:04(5).

If there are questions please contact me at 715-839-4661 or pamela.jo.rasmussen@xcelenergy.com.

Sincerely,

Pamela Jo Rasmussen
Team Lead, Permitting & Siting

Enclosure

APPLICANT'S VERIFICATION OF FACILITIES PERMIT APPLICATION
SPLIT ROCK TO LAKEFIELD JUNCTION 345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT
SDPUC DOCKET NO. EL05-023

State of Wisconsin)

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County of Eau Claire)

Pamela Jo Rasmussen, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the Lead Permitting Agent for the Split Rock to Lakefield Junction 345 kV Transmission Line Project for Northern States Power d/b/a Xcel Energy.

She states that she does not have personal knowledge of all of the facts recited in the Facilities Permit Application submitted to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission on August 26, 2005, but the information in the application was gathered by and from employees and contractors of Xcel Energy and is believed to be accurate and reliable; and on that basis the information in the application is verified by her as being true and accurate on behalf of Xcel Energy.

Dated this 6th day of December 2005.



Pamela Jo Rasmussen

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 6th day of December 2005.



Notary Public expires 4-23-06

