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VIA E-FILING

Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

**Re: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF XCEL ENERGY FOR A
PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT 6.5 MILES OF 115 KV TRANSMISSION LINE AND
ASSOCIATED MODIFICATIONS TO THE BROOKINGS SUBSTATION
SDPUC Docket No.: EL08-001**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed is a motion to extend the final approval deadline in the above-referenced docket. Progress has been made to finalize the design of the proposed transmission line and to communicate with affected landowners. It is unlikely, however, that Xcel Energy will be able to complete this process and get all of the information to the Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota ("Commission") for its final decision before the end of July. As a result, Xcel Energy is filing the enclosed motion to extend the deadline for the Commission's final approval of the project in this docket to October 31, 2008.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Agrimonti

Enclosure

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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**MOTION TO EXTEND FINAL
APPROVAL DEADLINE**

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation ("Xcel Energy" or the "Company") moves the Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota ("Commission") to extend the deadline for the Commission's final approval of the project in this docket to October 31, 2008.

This motion is based upon the following considerations:

1. Xcel Energy filed this matter on January 31, 2008.
2. The six-month deadline imposed by SDCL § 49-41B-25 for the Commission's final decision in this matter is quickly approaching.
3. Xcel Energy is currently reviewing and updating the alignment of the transmission line pole locations along the route. This process includes discussions with some of the landowners potentially impacted by the pole locations.
4. Xcel Energy is confident that the Company will be able to finalize its design and communicate with affected landowners in a timely manner. It is unlikely, however, that Xcel Energy will be able to complete this process and get all of the information to the Commission for its final decision before the end of July.
5. It would create unnecessary delay and additional expense to require Xcel Energy to refile this proceeding and commence the process anew.
6. For these reasons, Xcel Energy waives Commission compliance with the six-month deadline in SDCL § 49-41B-25 and respectfully requests that the Commission extend the time for resolution of the docket for a reasonable period of time to permit the finalization of pole locations for the route.

WHEREFORE, Xcel Energy prays that the Commission grant its motion to extend the deadline for the Commission's final decision as requested above.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2008.

BRIGGS AND MORGAN, P. A.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Theresa Senart, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 8th day of July, 2008, she filed and served upon all parties the attached Motion to Extend Final Approval Deadline electronically through the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission website.

Theresa Senart

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
8th day of July, 2008.

Roshelle L Herstein

Notary Public

