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September 13, 2012

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

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Re: Annual Wind Curtailment Forecast
Docket No. EL09-009

Dear Ms Van Gerpen:

Pursuant to the Settlement Stipulation in the above-referenced docket, enclosed is the Annual Wind Curtailment report as filed annually with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in the Electric Annual Automatic Adjustment report of Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, operating in South Dakota.

You may direct any questions regarding this Report to myself at 339-8350 or james.c.wilcox@xcelenergy.com or Rebecca Eilers at (612) 330-5570 or rebecca.d.eilers@xcelenergy.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J Wilcox'.

Jim Wilcox

Enclosure