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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

—Via Efile—

RE: 2016-2030 UPPER MIDWEST RESOURCE PLAN – REPLY COMMENTS
EL09-009 RATE CASE STIPULATION #3
REPORTING OF RESOURCE PLAN COMPLIANCE

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Xcel Energy provides the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission the enclosed Reply to the July 2, 2015 Comments received on the Company's 2016-2030 Upper Midwest Resource Plan (IRP) as filed with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for the Northern States Power Company System (South Dakota, Minnesota, Michigan, North Dakota, and Wisconsin) on January 2, 2015 and supplemented March 16, 2015. The Company is forwarding this Reply for informational purposes only. No formal action by the Commission is required.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (605) 339-8350 or Paul Johnson at (612) 330-6238. Our email addresses are James.C.Wilcox@xcelenergy.com and Paul.B.Johnson@xcelenergy.com respectively

Sincerely,

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

JIM WILCOX
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Enclosures