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Daniel P. Wolf  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147

RE: 2016-2030 UPPER MIDWEST RESOURCE PLAN  
REPLY COMMENTS  
DOCKET NO. E002/RP-15-21

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission this Reply to the July 2, 2015 Comments received on its 2016-2030 Upper Midwest Resource Plan in the above-referenced docket.

In this Reply, we bring to the Commission a proposal that outlines a bold energy vision that benefits our customers, communities, and the states we serve. We expect our proposal will stimulate discussion, and we look forward to engaging in a constructive dialogue with the Commission, the parties to this docket, and our stakeholders. In the Reply, we propose to work with the Commission Staff and parties on a procedural schedule that provides an opportunity to build the record and advance our Proposal.

We have electronically filed this document with the Commission, and copies have been served on the parties on the attached service lists. Please contact Aakash Chandarana at (612) 215-4663 or [aakash.chandarana@xcelenergy.com](mailto:aakash.chandarana@xcelenergy.com) if you have any questions regarding this filing.

/s/

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