

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (“Xcel Energy” or the “Company”) is headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Xcel Energy generates, transmits, and distributes electricity to approximately 3.4 million electricity customers and distributes natural gas to about 1.9 million customers. The Company has regulated operations in South Dakota, Minnesota, North Dakota, Colorado, Michigan, New Mexico, Texas and Wisconsin. NSP-Minnesota (“NSPM”) operates in South Dakota, North Dakota, and Minnesota.

NSPM has 4,734 miles of transmission lines and owns 18 generating plants.

Retail sales for the year ended December 31, 2008 for NSPM were 36,205,989 MWh. South Dakota retail sales accounted for 1,942,545 MWh of that total amount.

Our most recent electric rate case before this Commission was Docket No. EL 92-016. This case was filed in June of 1992 and was concluded by a Commission Order dated December 11, 1992.