

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 4,810 miles of transmission lines and owns 18 generating plants.

Retail sales for the year ended December 31, 2010 for NSPM were 35,868,469 MWh. South Dakota retail sales accounted for 2,000,289 MWh of that total amount.

Our most recent electric rate case before this Commission was Docket No. EL 09-009. That case was filed in June of 2009 and was concluded by a Commission Order dated January 12, 2010.