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July 16, 2012

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

RE: APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION, FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE IN SOUTH DAKOTA
FINAL RATE COMPLIANCE AND REFUND PLAN-REVISED TARIFF NUMBERING
DOCKET NO. EL11-019

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

The purpose of this letter is for Northern States Power Company to submit additional information to the record for completeness prior to South Dakota Public Utilities Commission action planned for at its meeting July 17th. During the course of review of our July 5, 2012 Final Rate Compliance and Refund Plan filing, Commission Staff identified a tariff numbering change to be made page in compliance with South Dakota Administrative Rule ARSD 20:10:13:05. Additionally, there were a couple of items for which clarification or calculation support may be helpful for the Commission and docket record purposes.

Tariff Sheets

For user convenience, the Company had proposed including a table of contents for Section 5 of the Northern States Power Company South Dakota Electric Rate Book and labeled that as "TOC" and did not renumber other sheets. We inadvertently overlooked South Dakota Administrative Rule ARSD 20:10:13:05 which directs that tariff sheets be numbered consecutively from the first sheet of each section. In compliance with the rule, enclosed please find Legislative and Final versions of 3 tariff sheets, including the first two sheets of Section 5 and a revised table of contents pages from Section 1 to reflect renumbering Sheet 5-1 to Sheet 5-1.1.

Refund Amount Calculations and Report

Also included here is the supporting worksheet for the ECR Rider value shown on line item 8 from Attachment A of the July 5th filing. To be clear, our refund plan shows how we proposed the calculations would be performed and estimates the amounts involved, but when the exact refund is actually determined, all calculations are based on the actual amounts recorded on the Company's books for the period during which interim rates were in effect, January 2, 2012 through July 31, 2012. At the conclusion of the refund process, we will provide the Commission a refund compliance report detailing actual amounts paid and refunded to customers.

Bill Messages

As applicable over the next several month, Customers will see two bill messages describing actions from this concluded rate case; one will inform new rates have begun and the other will identify their bill included a refunded amount from interim rates paid.

For new rates beginning August 1st, we propose the same message as was used in the last case:

Residential

New electric rates became effective August 1, 2012. See the enclosed bill insert for details. Questions? Contact us at 1-800-895-4999 or inquire@xcelenergy.com.

C&I

New electric rates became effective August 1, 2012. See the enclosed bill insert for details. Questions? Contact us at 1-800-481-4700 or inquire@xcelenergy.com.

Then in September, customer accounts will be credited their refunds by no later than September 17th and the following bill message would accompany first bills after the date of the credits:

Residential

Your electric bill this month includes a credit for the difference you paid under interim rates and the final approved rates with interest. Your credit displays as the line item "Elec Interim Refund CR." Questions? Contact us at 1-800-895-4999 or inquire@xcelenergy.com.

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Should you have any questions regarding this filing please contact Deb Paulson at (612) 330-7571 or debra.j.paulson@xcelenergy.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J C Wilcox".

JAMES C. WILCOX
MANAGER, GOVERNMENT AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Enclosures