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November 4, 2011

—VIA ELECTRONIC FILING—

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

RE: APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA
CORPORATION, FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE IN
SOUTH DAKOTA
DOCKET No. EL11-019

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (the “Company” or “Xcel Energy”) operating in South Dakota, submits to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) this Notice advising we will use our current rate design to implement an interim rate increase for our South Dakota retail electric customers for service on and after January 2, 2012 (the “Interim Rate Increase”), pursuant to S.D. Codified Laws Section 49-34A-17. The Company will keep an accurate account in detail of all amounts received by reason of the increase, specifying by whom and in whose behalf the amounts are paid.

We have electronically filed this document and served copies on all parties on the attached service list.

Please contact me at 605-339-8350 if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. C. Wilcox'.

JAMES C. WILCOX
MANAGER, GOVERNMENT AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

ENCLOSURES