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

RE: REQUEST TO CANCEL CUSTOMER BUYBACK PROGRAM TARIFFS CASE NO. PU-400-00-217 and PU-400-02-251

Dear Ms Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company has discontinued its Customer Buyback Program and respectfully submits to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission this Request to cancel the Customer Buyback Tariffs included in its South Dakota Electric Rate Book.

If there are questions regarding the information contained in the enclosed request, please feel free to contact me at (605) 339-8350.

Sincerely,

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