

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, 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 provides electric utility service to approximately 1.4 million customers and natural gas utility service to approximately 500,000 customers. NSPM owns 13 generating plants, has 372 electric utility transmission and distribution substations and 101,778 conductor miles of electric utility overhead and underground transmission and distribution lines as of December 31, 2011.

Retail sales for the year ended December 31, 2011 for NSPM were 35,905,077 MWh. South Dakota retail sales accounted for 2,009,443 MWh of that total amount.

Our most recent electric rate case before this Commission was Docket No. EL 11-019. That case was filed in June of 2011.