

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY</b>	)	<b>EL 13-020</b>
<b>XCEL ENERGY AND OTTER TAIL POWER</b>	)	
<b>COMPANY FOR A PERMIT UNDER THE SOUTH</b>	)	<b>MOTION FOR</b>
<b>DAKOTA ENERGY CONVERSION AND</b>	)	<b>APPROVAL OF</b>
<b>TRANSMISSION FACILITY ACT TO CONSTRUCT</b>	)	<b>SETTLEMENT STIPULATION</b>
<b>THE BIG STONE SOUTH TO BROOKINGS 345 KV</b>	)	
<b>ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE</b>	)	

Two of the parties to this docket, Xcel Energy (Xcel), and Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) hereby file the above-referenced Motion and Settlement Stipulation with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The Parties propose that the Commission adopt the Settlement Stipulation as the settlement and resolution of all the issues in this proceeding. In support of this Motion, the Parties submit as follows:

1. This Motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19.
2. The Settlement Stipulation resolves all of the issues in Docket No. EL 13-020.
3. The Settlement Stipulation represents the conclusion of the undersigned parties that it is in the best interests of the Parties and the general public to reach a negotiated settlement of specific issues in this case and that the terms of the Settlement Stipulation agreed upon are just, fair, and reasonable, and consistent with South Dakota law.

For the foregoing reasons, the undersigned parties jointly request the Commission to adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation without modification for the purpose of resolving the specific issues for use in determining the revenue requirement of Montana-Dakota Utilities in Docket No. EL 13-020.

Dated: Feb 7, 2014

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, d/b/a Xcel Energy and Otter Tail Power Company

  
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