Northern States Power Company South Dakota Revenue Requirement Model Description

## Section Q

## 20:10:13:101. Statement Q -- Description of utility operations.

Statement Q shall include a description of the utility's area and diversity of operations, including miles of lines and generating stations operated and a breakdown of sales between jurisdictional and nonjurisdictional. A concise statement of the last rate case of the filing public utility, whether or not it was concluded at the time of the filing of the current rate increase, shall also be included.

**Source:** 2 SDR 90, effective July 7, 1976; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL <u>49-34A-4.</u>

Law Implemented: SDCL <u>49-34A-10</u>, <u>49-34A-12</u>, <u>49-34A-41</u>.

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Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, is headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Xcel Energy generates, transmits, and distributes electricity to approximately 3.5 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 18 generating plants, has 351 electric utility transmission and distribution substations and 102,485 conductor miles of electric utility overhead and underground transmission and distribution lines as of December 31, 2013.

Retail sales for the year ended December 31, 2013 for NSPM were 35,292,575 MWh. South Dakota retail sales accounted for 2,040,726 MWh of that total amount.

Our most recent electric rate case before this Commission was Docket No. EL12-046. That case was filed in June of 2012.