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December 1, 2015

**--Via Electronic Filing--**

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Capitol Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
500 E. Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: SUPPLEMENT  
2016 INFRASTRUCTURE RIDER PROJECT ELIGIBILITY AND FACTOR UPDATE  
DOCKET NO. EL15-38

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits the enclosed updated supplement to the 2016 Infrastructure Rider Petition. The Infrastructure Rider has been updated to reflect changed circumstances since the initial filing on October 1, 2015, as well as recommendations from Commission Staff's review of our request. Attachments from our original petition have been updated where applicable and are being refiled. Additionally, we include a reconciliation to show how the adjustments change the 2016 revenue requirement from the initial filing to the current updated position.

Specifically, the rider information has been updated by:

- adding two projects recommended to be moved from the Transmission Cost Recovery Rider in Docket No. EL15-30;
- removing a project that has since been cancelled for 2016;
- modification to recognize the proration formula for calculating Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes in accordance with IRS regulation section 1.167(1)-1(h)(6);

In addition, after review, discovery, and discussion, we accept Staff's recommended adjustments and have removed:

- a specific project that did not meet Staff's review criteria, and
- 2015 revenue requirements associated with projects being newly added to the Infrastructure Rider for 2016.

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Lastly, similar to what was agreed to in the rate case settlement, we will also include information about the Courtenay Wind project with annual reporting for the Borders and Pleasant Valley wind projects.

In total, updates for projects and ADIT adjustments result in a reduction in the 2016 Infrastructure revenue requirement from \$10.3 million to \$10.2 million and a reduction in the adjustment factor from \$0.004854 to \$0.004806 per kWh.

We are in agreement with Staff's recommendations in this matter and respectfully request the Commission approve the updated 2016 Infrastructure Rider rate supported by this submittal.

Please contact Deb Paulson at (612) 330-7571 or [debra.j.paulson@xcelenergy.com](mailto:debra.j.paulson@xcelenergy.com) or call me at (605) 339-8350 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

SINCERELY,

/s/

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Enclosure