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--Via Electronic Filing--

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

RE: PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF A CREDIT MECHANISM FOR A DOE
SETTLEMENT PAYMENT
DOCKET NO. EL16-_____

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, respectfully submits to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission a Petition requesting approval of a bill credit to pass on to our South Dakota electric customers additional funds received from an extension of the 2011 Settlement with the United States Department of Energy (DOE) for the DOE's partial breach of its contract to take spent nuclear fuel.

Please call me at (605) 339-8303 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/

JAMES C. WILCOX
PRINCIPAL MANAGER

Enclosures

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