

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

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSION STAFF'S)	JOINT MOTION FOR
REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE NORTHERN)	APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT
STATES POWER COMPANY D/B/A)	STIPULATION
XCEL ENERGY'S PROPOSED FUEL CLAUSE)	
RIDER)	EL16-037

Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission and Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel), jointly referred to as "Parties," hereby file this Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation. In support of this Joint Motion, the Parties submit as follows:

1. This Joint Motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19;
2. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation represent a negotiated settlement and thereby resolve all issues subject to this proceeding except (i) the energy proxy price applicable to the 187 MW Solar PPAs, and (ii) the energy and capacity proxy prices applicable to the RDF and C-BED PPAs.
3. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation agreed upon are just and reasonable and consistent with South Dakota law.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons and those discussed in the Settlement Stipulation, the undersigned Parties jointly request the Commission to: 1) grant the Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation; and 2) adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation without modification.

Dated this 22 day of August, 2017.

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d/b/a Xcel Energy

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