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Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: EL16-037 – In The Matter of Commission Staff's Request to Investigate Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy's Proposed Fuel Clause Rider

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

Commission Staff submitted its request to investigate Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy's proposed fuel clause rider on November 30, 2016. The Commission issued its Order Establishing Procedural Schedule on May 25, 2017.

Commission Staff requests that written notice of hearing be served on Monday, August 21, 2017, rather than provide written notice to all parties at least 10 days prior to the hearing pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:22.02. The delay will allow for settlement discussions to proceed, and the parties will provide an update on the status of settlement discussions on or before Friday, August 18, 2017.

Commission Staff has discussed this proposal with Xcel Energy and it is our understanding that the Company supports this request. Should you have any questions regarding our request, please contact me at (605) 773-3201.

Sincerely,

Jon Thurber
Staff Analyst