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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.

On August 14, 2017, the parties requested that written notice of hearing be delayed to allow settlement discussions to proceed. Xcel Energy and Commission Staff now have a settlement agreement in principle, which the parties expect to be filed shortly. Commission Staff requests that the procedural schedule in this case be suspended while the parties finalize the settlement documents for submission.

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,

Kristen N. Edwards
Staff Attorney