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July 22, 2020

—VIA ELECTRONIC FILING—

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

RE: PRECONSTRUCTION FILING – SITE PERMIT CONDITION NO. 36 – PUBLIC LIAISON OFFICER
APPLICATION BY DAKOTA RANGE I, LLC & DAKOTA RANGE II, LLC FOR A PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY IN GRANT COUNTY AND CODINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR THE DAKOTA RANGE WIND FARM
DOCKET NO. EL18-003

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy (NSP or the Company), submits this pre-construction filing for the Commission's approval for the 302.4 MW wind energy conversion facility located in Grant and Codington Counties South Dakota known as the Dakota Range I & II Wind Energy Facility.

The Commission's July 23, 2018 Site Permit requires the Company to provide a Public Liaison Officer to be approved by the Commission. Site Permit Condition No. 36 states:

Applicant shall provide a public liaison officer, approved by the Commission, to facilitate the exchange of information between Applicant, including its contractors, and landowners, local communities, and residents, and to facilitate prompt resolution of complaints and problems that may develop for landowners, local communities, and residents as a result of the Project. Applicant shall file with the Commission its proposed public liaison officer's credentials for approval by the Commission prior to the commencement of construction. After the public liaison officer has been approved by the Commission, the public liaison officer may not be removed by Applicant without the approval of the Commission. The public liaison officer shall be afforded immediate access to Applicant's on-site project manager, its

executive project manager, and to the contractors' on-site managers and shall be available at all times to Commission staff via mobile phone to respond to complaints and concerns communicated to the Commission staff by concerned landowners and others. As soon as Applicant's public liaison officer has been appointed and approved, Applicant shall provide contact information for him/her to all landowners in the Project area and to law enforcement agencies and local governments in the vicinity of the Project. The public liaison officer's contact information shall be provided to landowners in each subsequent written communication with them. If the Commission determines that the public liaison officer has not been adequately performing the duties set forth for the position in this Order, the Commission may, upon notice to Applicant and the public liaison officer, take action to remove the public liaison officer. The public liaison's services shall terminate ninety days after the Project commences commercial operations, unless the appointment is extended by order of the Commission.

In compliance with this Site Permit Condition, the Company submits Eric Munz as our recommended Public Liaison Officer for the Dakota Range I & II Wind Energy Facility. We provide Eric Munz's qualifications as Attachment A to this filing.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Amber Hedlund at (612) 337-2268 or amber.r.hedlund@xcelenergy.com or me at (605) 339-8350 or steven.t.kolbeck@xcelenergy.com.

Sincerely,

/s/

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PRINCIPAL MANAGER – SOUTH DAKOTA

Enclosure