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July 23, 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. 35 – BIRD AND  
BAT CONSERVATION STRATEGY  
APPLICATION BY DAKOTA RANGE I, LLC & DAKOTA RANGE II, LLC FOR A  
PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY IN GRANT COUNTY & 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 to the Commission 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 – Permit Condition 35 states:

Applicant shall file the Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy (BBCS) prior to beginning construction of the Project. The BBCS shall be implemented during construction and operation of the Project.

In compliance with this Site Permit Condition, the Company provides the BBCS 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](mailto:amber.r.hedlund@xcelenergy.com) or me at (605) 339-8350 or [steven.t.kolbeck@xcelenergy.com](mailto:steven.t.kolbeck@xcelenergy.com).

Sincerely,

/s/

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PRINCIPAL MANAGER – SOUTH DAKOTA

Enclosure