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July 31, 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. 22 – TURBINE
ADJUSTMENTS
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 22 states:

Applicant may make turbine adjustments of 250 feet or less from the turbine locations identified in the Application without prior Commission approval, so long as the turbine shifts comply with county and state setback requirements, comply with specified noise and shadow flicker requirements, cultural resource impacts are avoided or minimized per the CRMMP, environmental setbacks are adhered to as agreed upon with the USFWS and the GFP, and wetland impacts are avoided. Prior to implementing the turbine adjustment, Applicant will file in the docket an affidavit demonstrating compliance with the limitations set forth above. Any turbine adjustment that does not comply with the aforesaid limitations would be

considered a "material change," and Applicant shall file a request for approval of the "material change" prior to making the adjustment pursuant to the following approval process:

- Applicant will file with the Commission and serve on the official Service List a request for approval of the adjustment that includes:
 - An affidavit describing the proposed turbine adjustment, the reason for the adjustment, the reason the adjustment does not comply with one or more turbine flexibility limitations set forth above, and information regarding compliance with all other applicable requirements; and
 - A map showing both the approved location and the proposed adjustment (in different colors);
- Once received, the information would be reviewed by Commission staff, and Commission staff will have 10 calendar days within which to request further Commission review.
- If no further review is requested, Applicant may proceed with the adjustment.
- If further review is requested, the Commission will issue a decision regarding Applicant's request at its next available regularly scheduled Commission meeting, subject to notice requirements, after the request for further review is made by Commission staff.

The Company has made adjustments to the turbines that were previously approved by the Commission in the July 23, 2018 Final Decision & Order. The Order approved up to 72 V136-4.2 MW turbines. Although the project still includes 72 wind turbines, eight of the turbines are changing technology from the V136-4.2 MW turbines to Vestas 136-3.6 MW and V120-2.2 MW turbines.

We believe these turbine changes constitute "material changes" pursuant to Permit Condition 22, and are submitting the following in support of this request for approval of the material change:

- Attachment A: Affidavit of Darin Schottler describing proposed turbine changes, the reason for the turbine changes, and information regarding compliance with all other applicable requirements;
- Attachment B: Updated Project Map reflecting approved locations and proposed adjustments for the eight turbines;
- Attachment C: Updated Sound Analysis report reflecting eight proposed turbine changes; and

- Attachment D: Updated Shadow Flicker report reflecting eight proposed turbine changes.

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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Enclosures