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July 8, 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. 13 – CULTURAL
RESOURCES REPORT
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 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 13 states:

Applicant shall file the final cultural resources report with the Commission prior to construction. If any potential adverse impacts to NRHP unevaluated, listed, or eligible cultural resources are identified in the final cultural resources report, Applicant shall comply with the requirements of the CRMMP.

In compliance with this Site Permit Condition, the Company provides the cultural resources report as Attachment A to this filing.

In accordance with ARSD §§ 20:10:01:39 through 42, Xcel Energy respectfully requests confidential treatment of certain information contained in this filing.

In compliance with ARSD § 20:10:01:41, we have clearly marked each page containing confidential information as “CONFIDENTIAL” and submitted it as a separate document along with this filing.

Pursuant to ARSD § 20:10:01:41, we provide the following information in support of our request:

- (1) We request confidential treatment of the entire cultural resources report.
- (2) We request these documents be treated as confidential forever.
- (3) If you have questions regarding this request, please contact:
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Minneapolis, MN 55401
(612) 330-7641
- (4) We request confidential treatment on the grounds that the material comprises confidential information regarding cultural resources protected by South Dakota law. The claim for confidential treatment is based on ARSD §§ 20:10:01:39 (5) and (6) and SDCL § 1-20-21.2, among other potentially applicable laws. The information contained within the referenced documents includes information pertaining to the location of archaeological sites and is protected by SDCL § 1-20-21.2.
- (5) The noted documents qualify for confidential treatment because they contain confidential cultural resource information which the Company does not disclose to the public.

A copy of this Request for Confidential Treatment, along with Confidential documents, will be electronically filed as separate documents and marked “CONFIDENTIAL.”

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/

STEVEN T. KOLBECK

PRINCIPAL MANAGER – SOUTH DAKOTA

Enclosure