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

Re: Application of Northern States Power Company for Approval of 2017
Economic Development Activities and Proposed 2018 Economic
Development Budget.

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits the enclosed documents, which are in accordance with Docket EL91-004 and EL14-058, to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for approval of our 2017 Economic Development Activities and proposed 2018 Economic Development Budget.

The report is organized as follows:

- Attachment A: 2017 Economic Development Budget
- Attachment B: 2017 Economic Development Expenditures
- Attachment C: Proposed 2018 Economic Development Budget
- Attachment D: Documentation Supporting 2017 Economic Development Expenditures

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 605-339-8350.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steve Kolbeck'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Steve Kolbeck