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**--Via Electronic Filing--**

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Capitol Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
500 E. Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY CROWNED RIDGE WIND, LLC  
FOR A PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY IN GRANT AND CODINGTON  
COUNTIES  
DOCKET NO. EL19-003

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits this letter to clarify the treatment of any liquidated damages collected under the Company's Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC. Under the PPA, the Company may collect liquidated damages of \$75,000 dollars per day if commercial operation is not achieved by December 31, 2019. Any liquidated damages collected under the PPA would be recorded to FERC Account 555 and the South Dakota portion would be credited back to South Dakota ratepayers through the fuel clause.

Please contact Chris Shaw at (612) 330-7974 or [christopher.j.shaw@xcelenergy.com](mailto:christopher.j.shaw@xcelenergy.com) or contact me at (605) 339-8350 or [steven.t.kolbeck@xcelenergy.com](mailto:steven.t.kolbeck@xcelenergy.com) if you have any questions regarding this filing.

SINCERELY,

/s/

STEVE KOLBECK  
PRINCIPAL MANAGER