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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 2018 Economic Development Activities and Proposed 2019 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 2018 Economic Development Activities and proposed 2019 Economic Development Budget.

The report is organized as follows:

- Attachment A: 2018 Economic Development Budget
- Attachment B: 2018 Economic Development Expenditures
- Attachment C: Proposed 2019 Economic Development Budget
- Attachment D: Documentation Supporting 2018 Economic Development Expenditures
- Attachment E: Seven Year History

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 written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'S'.

Steve Kolbeck