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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: PETITION

PLAN TO PROVIDE PROCEEDS TO CUSTOMERS FROM A SETTLEMENT

REGARDING THE OUTAGE AT SHERCO UNIT 3

DOCKET NO. EL19-\_\_\_\_

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits the enclosed Petition to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for an Order approving a credit mechanism for funds received pursuant to a settlement agreement stemming from litigation with General Electric Company, General Electric International, Inc., GE Energy Services, Inc., and GE Energy Control Solutions, Inc. (collectively, GE) in connection with the November 19, 2011, outage at Unit 3 of the Sherburne County Generating Station (Sherco 3).

Please contact Rebecca Eilers at 612-330-5570 or <u>rebecca.d.eilers@xcelenergy.com</u> or me at (605) 339-8350 or <u>steven.t.kolbeck@xcelenergy.com</u> if you have any questions regarding this filing.

SINCERELY,

/s/

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Enclosure