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

Re: Crowned Ridge II Wind Energy Facility
Post Construction Sound Monitoring Protocol - Revised
Docket No. EL19-027

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On May 4, 2021, Northern States Power Company doing business as Xcel Energy (NSP) submitted a draft Post-Construction Sound Monitoring Protocol (Protocol) in the above-referenced matter. NSP hereby submits a revised final Post-Construction Sound Monitoring Protocol that reflects revisions as requested by the South Dakota Commission to Sections 2.2 and 4.2 as outlined below.

On May 12, 2021, PUC Staff advised NSP of an error in Section 4.2 *Siting Individual Monitors, sub section 5*, that was not in alignment with the approved Site Permit for this project. At the Commission hearing on May 13, 2021, Commission requested that the error in Section 4.2, Subsection 5 be corrected. Additionally, the Commission requested an update to the language in *Section 2.2 Compliance Methodology* to clarify that the reference to $L_{eq10MIN}$ includes the 10-minute equivalent continuous wind turbine sound level (L_{eq}). The attached revised final Post-Construction Sound Monitoring Protocol incorporates the updated sections.

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

Sincerely,

Steve Kolbeck

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