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--Via Electronic Filing--

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

RE: PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF A CREDIT MECHANISM FOR PAYMENTS FROM
THE THIRD EXTENDED DOE SETTLEMENT & WAIVER TO RETURN TO
CUSTOMERS SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS
DOCKET NO. EL21-____

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, operating in South Dakota, submits this Petition to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for an Order approving a credit mechanism for funds received pursuant to the Third Extended Settlement with the United States Department of Energy (DOE) for the partial breach of its contract to take spent nuclear fuel. In addition, the Company requests additional time to return the first payment received pursuant to the Third Extended Settlement (the twelfth payment in the series hereinafter referred to as the "Twelfth DOE Payment").

If you have any questions regarding this filing please contact Steve Kolbeck at (605) 339-8350 or Steven.T.Kolbeck@xcelenergy.com.

Sincerely,

/s/

STEVE KOLBECK
PRINCIPAL MANAGER

Enclosures