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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 WAIVER TO RETURN TO CUSTOMERS DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS DOCKET NOS. EL11-023, EL16-002, EL19-002, EL21-035, EL23-____

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, respectfully submits to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission a Petition requesting approval of a waiver for an additional six weeks to complete the return of the fourteenth United States Department of Energy (DOE) payment to South Dakota customers for the U.S. Department of Energy's partial breach of its contract to take spent nuclear fuel pursuant to the Third Extended Settlement (Settlement) with the United States Department of Energy.

We have electronically filed this document and served copies on all parties on the attached service lists.

Please contact me at <u>Steven.T.Kolbeck@xcelenergy.com</u> or 605-339-8350 or Lynnette Sweet at <u>Lynnette.M.Sweet@xcelenergy.com</u> or 651-208-3268 if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

/s/

Steven T. Kolbeck Principal Manager – South Dakota

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