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—Via Electronic Filing—

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 FOR APPROVAL OF A WAIVER TO RETURN TO CUSTOMERS  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS  
DOCKET NOS. EL11-023, EL16-002, EL19-002, EL21-035, & EL24-\_\_\_\_

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, respectfully submits to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission a Petition for an Order approving a credit mechanism for funds received pursuant to the Fourth 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 approval of a waiver to the Order in Docket No. EL21-035 to return future Settlement proceeds to customers within 90 days of receipt of payment from the DOE. The fifteenth payment from the DOE for partial breach of its contract to take spent nuclear fuel pursuant to the Fourth Extended Settlement (Settlement) with the DOE was received on October 31, 2024.

Please add the following people to the service list for this docket:

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Sincerely,

/s/

STEVE KOLBECK  
PRINCIPAL MANAGER

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