

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF STAFF'S
REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE THE
EFFECTS OF THE TAX CUTS AND
JOBS ACT ON SOUTH DAKOTA
UTILITIES**

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**JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF
SETTLEMENT STIPULATION**

GE17-003

The Staff of the Public Utilities Commission and Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, dba Xcel Energy (“Xcel Energy”) jointly referred to as “Parties,” hereby file this Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation. The Parties request that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation as the settlement and resolution of all the issues between Staff and Xcel Energy in this proceeding. In support of this Motion, the Parties submit as follows:

1. This Joint Motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19;
2. The Settlement Stipulation resolves all issues between Staff and Xcel Energy in this docket;
3. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation represent a negotiated settlement of all the issues between Staff and Xcel Energy in this docket;
4. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation agreed upon are just and reasonable and consistent with South Dakota Law.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned Parties jointly request the Commission grant the Joint Motion for Approval of the Settlement Stipulation and adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation without modification for the purpose of resolving all issues in this proceeding between Staff and Xcel Energy.

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Northern States Power Company d/b/a/ Xcel Energy

By:  _____

Its: Regional Vice-President Rates & Regulatory Affairs

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff

By:  _____

Its: Staff Attorney

Dated this 22 day of June 2018.

**[SIGNATURE PAGE TO JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT
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