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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: SITE PERMIT CONDITION NO. 34 – AVIAN MORTALITY MONITORING
DAKOTA RANGE I, LLC & DAKOTA RANGE II, LLC
DOCKET NO. EL18-003

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy (NSP or the Company), submits this filing to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission regarding the 302.4 MW wind energy conversion facility located in Grant and Codington Counties in South Dakota known as the Dakota Range I and II Wind Energy Facility (the facility).

The Commission's July 23, 2018 Site Permit – Permit Condition 34 states:

34. *Applicant agrees to undertake two years of independently-conducted post-construction avian mortality monitoring for the Project, and to provide a copy of the report to the USFWS, GFP, and the Commission. Based on the results of the monitoring, the need for and scope of an additional year of independently-conducted post-construction avian mortality monitoring will be determined in coordination with USFWS and GFP.*

Xcel Energy contracted Western EcoSystems Technology, Inc. (WEST) to conduct a two-year post-construction avian and bat fatality monitoring (PCM) study at the facility. The PCM study was completed in December 2023. WEST's final reports for the study are attached and have been provided to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks.

Please contact Lynnette Sweet at (612) 321-3159 or Lynnette.m.sweet@xcelenergy.com or contact me at (605) 339-8350 or steven.t.kolbeck@xcelenergy.com if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/

STEVE KOLBECK
PRINCIPAL MANAGER

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