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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
State Capitol Building  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On March 1, 2010 Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation ("Xcel Energy" or the "Company") submitted comments to the Commission recommending action prohibiting the operation of Aggregators of Retail Customers ("ARCs") in South Dakota.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission open a docket and take action in time to prevent the operation of ARCs in South Dakota before June 1, 2010.

We also ask to incorporate, by reference, our letter and attachments submitted on March 1, 2010 in this matter. This information represents the Company's evidence that the operation of ARCs in South Dakota may have a detrimental effect on retail customers within South Dakota.

Xcel Energy believes that formal action to prohibit ARCs is necessary in order to protect the interests of retail customers, maintain system reliability, and uphold the jurisdictional authority of the Commission.

If anyone has any questions, please call me at 339-8350

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J Wilcox'.

Jim Wilcox

c. Laura McCarten