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July 18, 2013

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

RE: 2013 TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY ELIGIBILITY AND RATE
ADJUSTMENT PETITION
DOCKET NO. EL13-006

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On June 7, 2013, Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submitted a request to reduce the Transmission Cost Recovery rate to \$0.00 pending the Commission's final review of this docket. The Company filed its response to Staff Data Request No. SDPUC-1-005 with its June 7, 2013 filing. Our response to SDPUC-1-005 included revisions to the initial filing and these revisions were further depicted in Attachment A to Staff Data Request No. SDPUC-1-004. Staff and the Company agree that it would be helpful to have the additional clarification provided by Data Request No. SDPUC-1-004 filed in the docket and, accordingly, the Company is filing the response with this letter.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (605) 339-8350.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Wilcox'.

JAMES C. WILCOX
PRINCIPAL MANAGER