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March 29, 2006

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

Re: Northern States Power Company, d/b/a/ Xcel Energy  
April Fuel Clause Adjustment

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy hereby submits for filing the fuel clause adjustment determination for Xcel Energy for the billing month of April 2006.

The fuel clause adjustment is a positive 1.117 cents per kWh and is the value used in the application of Fuel Clause Rider No. 1 included in the Electric Rate Book, SDPUC No. 1 for Xcel Energy.

MISO Day 2 Implementation

This filing includes our reporting of the Midwest Independent System Operator ("MISO") charges under the Day 2 Market. Pursuant to the Commission's Order (Docket No. EL05-008) dated April 6, 2005, Xcel Energy is authorized to recover the MISO Day 2 costs. In compliance with this Order and the required "net" accounting of Day 2 costs and revenues, we have included in the April FCA, the net MISO Day 2 costs for February 2006 as recorded in Account 555. The MISO Day 2 cost recovery included in this April FCA is \$23,445,193, which is the net of many items. Pursuant to the above mentioned Order, the Company also provides in Exhibit 1, which contains more detailed records supporting the calculation of the MISO costs included.