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Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building, Dept. 408
600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: BILLING OF VACANT RENTAL PROPERTY (BVRP) FILING
CASE NO. PU-06-217

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

It appears there may still be some confusion among the Commissioners and Staff as to how the Company's recently filed BVRP tariff impacts tenants. In my letter to the Commission dated September 12, I stated that this tariff filing has no rate impact on tenants as it is designed to provide landlords with a clear understanding of their options for vacant rental unit billing and the costs of those options. I would like to re-emphasize that Xcel Energy will not charge tenants any new fees or rates under this tariff.

If the Lock On Disconnect option is selected, only the landlord or property owner will be assessed the disconnection and reconnection charges necessary to compensate the Company for the physical field work involved in locking out service and reconnecting service when tenants move. The Company will not -- under any circumstance -- charge a tenant for work associated with the Lock On Disconnect option. Only the landlord who has selected the "Lock on Disconnect" status option (as opposed to the "Automatic Turn On" option) is subject to these fees.

The only impact this tariff will have on tenants is to provide them the opportunity to voluntarily authorize their landlord to start and stop service on their behalf, and to document this authorization with a consistent and Company approved form.

Please call me if you have any questions or comments regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David H. Sederquist'.

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