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Re: *Application of Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in North Dakota*
Case No. PU-07-776

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco, Judge Wahl and Mr. Douglas Bahr:

Based on the Direct Testimony submitted on behalf of the Advocacy Staff of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (the "Commission"), and the non-dispute of certain facts in testimony previously provided by Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation ("Xcel Energy") personnel, we seek agreement that the following witnesses are not required to attend the evidentiary hearings on June 23-25, 2008.

Jannell Marks, Sales Forecast
Marvin McDaniel, Employee Compensation

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Request to Excuse Witnesses and Proposal to Present Witnesses in Order Listed

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Charles Bomberger, Nuclear Operations
Walter Grivna, Transmission
Steve Huso, Rate Design
Allen Krug, MISO Cost Recovery
James H. Vander Weide, PhD, Return on Equity
Phil Zins, Class Cost of Service Study, and response to Commission questions
on Interruptible Rates.

To facilitate your consideration of our request, we can confirm at this time that all but one of the above witnesses submitted Direct Testimony, but will not be submitting further Rebuttal Testimony in this proceeding. Mr. Phil Zins is submitting limited Rebuttal Testimony responding to a February 28, 2008 Commission Advisory Staff request for information on the impact of recent changes in the wholesale industry on the reasonableness of the proposed Interruptible rates.

Based on the lack of dispute over the facts presented in their Direct Testimony, we respectfully request agreement that the Direct Testimony of these witnesses, along with the Rebuttal Testimony of Mr. Zins, be stipulated to and accepted into the record for this proceeding without cross-examination. In the alternative, if we cannot agree to excuse some or all of the above witnesses, based on our expectation that their testimony would be fairly limited, we ask that these witnesses be allowed to testify by phone.

If agreed that the above listed witnesses do not need to attend the Evidentiary Hearings, Xcel Energy proposes to present its remaining witnesses in the order listed:

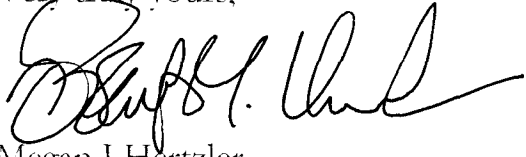
Kent Larson, Policy
Elizabeth Engelking, Generation Investment & Resource Planning
Richard Rosvold, Environmental Strategy
Jeffrey Robinson, Depreciation
Dane Watson, Asset Retirement Obligations
Anne Heuer, Overall Revenue Requirement, Rate Base, Income Statement

To assist planning and travel arrangements, I would appreciate reaching agreement on the witness list at your earliest convenience.

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Please contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Megan J. Hertzler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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cc: Service List

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