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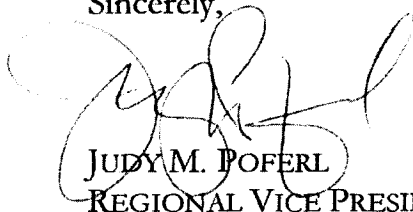
**Re: REQUEST FOR JULY 29, 2009 INFORMAL HEARING
PSC CASE NO. PU-08-907 AND PU-08-908**

Dear Mr. Lein,

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (“Xcel Energy” or the “Company”), respectfully requests that the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) schedule an informal hearing the afternoon of July 29, 2009 regarding our Advanced Determination of Prudence Applications for our Nobles and Merricourt wind projects (PSC Case Nos. PU-08-907 and PU-08-908). The Company is making a filing today to supplement the record in those proceedings. We believe it would be appropriate for us to explain this information and respond to questions in an informal hearing to ensure a full and complete record. We have informed Staff of this request and understand they are supportive.

I appreciate the Commission’s consideration of this request. Feel free to contact me at (612) 330-6125 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



JUDY M. POFERL
REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

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