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Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Please see the attached letter with Applicants' proposed procedural schedule for the above referenced cases. Pursuant to our phone conversation of April 15, 2010, the schedule proposed in the attached letter has been agreed to by the parties.

Sincerely,

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

VIA E-MAIL

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Re: Proposed Procedural Schedule - Advance Determination of Prudence for the CapX2020 Group 1 Transmission Projects Otter Tail Power Company, Case No. PU-09-676 Northern States Power Company, Case No. PU-09-678

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

As you are aware, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (the "Commission") has scheduled a hearing for the above referenced matters on May 24 and 25, 2010. Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation and Otter Tail Power Company (collectively "Applicants") are interested in reaching an agreement with Advocacy Staff on a schedule for the submittal of additional testimony in these matters. We believe such a schedule will allow for an orderly hearing process and allow Advocacy Staff ("Staff") and the Commission to better evaluate Applicants' proposal.

To that end, we propose the following schedule:

- April 26 – Staff submits direct testimony;
- May 13 – Applicants submit rebuttal testimony;
- May 20 – Staff submits surrebutal testimony, if necessary.

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Under this schedule, Applicants and Staff would conduct discovery simultaneously with this testimony schedule and through the hearing. Applicants are also available to consult with Staff on an informal basis to answer any questions or address certain issues prior to the hearing.

Applicants believe this schedule is feasible but understand that our proposed schedule is more compressed than would normally occur. We are willing to work with you and other Advocacy Staff to produce a schedule that can accommodate the Commission's needs.

Please feel free to contact Mr. David Sederquist at 701-241-8632 or Mr. Dean Pawlowski at 218-739-8947 with any questions or if the Commission requires any additional information.

Sincerely,

/s/ James R. Alders
Director of Regulatory Administration
Xcel Energy Services Inc. on behalf of
Northern States Power Company

/s/ Dean Pawlowski
Project Manager
Otter Tail Power Company

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