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VIA EMAIL

Darrell Nitschke, Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building, Dept. 408
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**Re: Otter Tail Power Company
Advance Determination of Prudence -
CapX2020 Group 1 Application
Case No. PU-09-676**

**Northern States Power Company
Advance Determination of Prudence -
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Dear Mr. Nitschke:

On June 7, 2010, Otter Tail Power Company (“Otter Tail”) and Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (“Xcel Energy” and collectively “Applicants”), filed a report of the status of regulatory proceedings for the CapX2020 Group 1 Projects as late-filed Exhibit 11 in the above referenced cases. Applicants desire to provide an update to the information contained in late-filed Exhibit 11.

Late-filed Exhibit 11 indicated that Applicants were awaiting a decision by the Minnesota Court of Appeals on the appeal by certain groups of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission’s (“MPUC”) Order granting Certificates of Need for the Fargo, Brookings and La Crosse Projects. On June 8, 2010, the Minnesota Court of Appeals issued a decision affirming the MPUC’s Order granting the Certificates of Need. The

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groups which appealed the MPUC's Order now have thirty days to file a petition for review with the Minnesota Supreme Court.

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

Respectfully,

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

/s/ Dean Pawlowski
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