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Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
State Capitol Building, Dept. 408  
600 East Boulevard  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Northern States Power Company 2011-2025 Resource Plan

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Settlement approved by the Commission in Case No. PU-07-776, Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation operating in North Dakota (“Xcel Energy”, or the “company”) submits eight (8) copies of its 2011-2025 Resource Plan.

The Resource Plan, which is being filed in each of the states served by Xcel Energy’s NSP operating companies, contains a number of planning scenarios reflecting the continuous change our industry is experiencing. Uncertainty surrounding the impacts of new technology, federal energy policy, and the pace and extent of economic recovery has compelled us to build a new level of flexibility into our future plans.

In this resource plan, we have developed a comprehensive portfolio of supply-side, demand-side and contingency resources to address the needs of our customers in this uncertain environment. Our plan focuses on a number of goals including:

- Meeting growth in customer demand in a reliable and cost-effective manner through expanding and renewing our existing generating sites;
- Complying with our jurisdictional renewable energy requirements and/or objectives in a fair, equitable and economic manner;
- Developing regulatory processes to address the rate impacts of our need for significant investment over the planning period; and

- Expanding our demand-side management programs, including recommendations on how to meet Minnesota's 1.5% energy savings goal.

We look forward to discussing this plan with the Commission and its staff. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me or Betsy Engelking at 612-330-7987 or via email at [elizabeth.m.engelking@xcelenergy.com](mailto:elizabeth.m.engelking@xcelenergy.com).

Thank you.

  
Sincerely,

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Enclosures