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Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: 2010 RESOURCE PLAN
DOCKET NO. E002/RP-10-825

Dear Dr. Haar:

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (“Xcel Energy,” “Company”), is pleased to submit our 2010 Resource Plan to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for consideration and approval. This Plan covers the period 2011 to 2025 and it identifies how we propose to meet our customers’ needs for generation capacity and electrical energy during the planning period.

Over the last several years we have worked closely with our regulators to establish a program to modernize our generating fleet and improve environmental performance, extend the lives of our nuclear plants and increase their production, extend our purchases from Manitoba Hydro, expand our wind powered resources, expand the transmission network, and help our customers conserve more and more energy. These efforts put us in good position to provide reliable and economical service into the future. As a result, changes in resource acquisitions are minimal in this filing.

However, as we submit this Plan we recognize there are emerging issues in our economy and our industry that make it important that we maintain flexibility to adjust as we continue the course that has served us well.

Our five-year action plan consists of the following principal elements:

- Fully implement the previously established goal of 1.3% DSM by 2013 and work with stakeholders to increase DSM to 1.5%

- Issue an RFP for up to 250 MW of wind power to be developed by the end of 2012. Make or defer selections based on a thorough evaluation of cost effectiveness and other benefits of the proposals received.
- Replace the remaining 270 MW of coal fired generation capacity at Black Dog with a 680 MW natural gas, combined cycle unit in 2016.
- Develop a plan over the next several years to update or replace Sherco 1 and 2 in light of changing environmental regulations.
- Develop a contingency plan to add peaking resources if needed to respond to changing economic conditions and consumer demand.
- Continue efforts to ensure sufficient transmission is available to meet future load, maintain system reliability and effectively integrate new generation.

The Company will continue to work with stakeholders to ensure that our resource plans and accompanying costs are thoroughly understood and implemented effectively. Implementation of this Plan will allow us to meet growing customer needs, significantly reduce carbon and other emissions, and maintain reliable service at reasonable rates. We welcome dialogue with stakeholders and look forward to the Commission's consideration of our Plan.

Enclosed are the original and 15 copies of this filing. Copies have also been served on the Department of Commerce, the Office of the Attorney General – Residential Utilities Division, as well as parties to our most recent Resource Plan. We have also added those from our Renewable Energy Plan docket to this service list as well as representatives from the Commissions of neighboring states. Interested parties will soon be able to obtain copies from our web site at www.xcelenergy.com. We expect to have the filing posted on our web site early next week.

Please contact me at (612) 330-6732 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/

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