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-- Via Electronic Filing --

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

Re: EL09-009 Rate case stipulation #3 - reporting of resource plan compliance filing.

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In Docket EL09-009, Xcel Energy's 2009 rate case, the Company agreed to the following reporting requirement regarding an integrated resource plan:

Xcel Energy is providing the Commission and Commission Staff the Company's 2010 Resource Plan (RP) filed with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for the integrated NSP System (Minnesota, Michigan, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin) at the same time the RP is filed with the MPUC or within a reasonable time thereafter. The RP covers the period from 2011 to 2025. The Company also agreed to provide an alternative resource scenario that specifically meets, but does not exceed, combined Federal and South Dakota environmental and renewable requirements or objectives for the same time period addressed by the RP. The Company will provide these plans and scenarios for informational purposes only and no formal action by the Commission on the RP or any additionally-filed resource plan scenarios will be required.

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 at 339-8350 or Betsy Engelking at 612-330-7987 or via email at elizabeth.m.engelking@xcelenergy.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Wilcox". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "J" being particularly large and stylized.

Jim Wilcox