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

RE: RENEWABLE ENERGY PLAN UPDATE
DOCKET NO. E002/M-07-1558

Dear Dr. Haar:

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (“Xcel Energy,” “Company”), hereby submits our Renewable Energy Plan update to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission as directed in the Commission’s June 19, 2009 Order in Docket E002/ M-07-1558.

Contemporaneously with this filing, Xcel Energy has submitted to the Commission our 2010 Resource Plan (MPUC Docket No. E002/RP-10-825). Our plan to acquire renewable generation is an integral part of our overall Resource Plan. Some of the information the Commission asked for in this docket is not easily separated from the rest of our overall Resource Plan. For example, the Commission asked for an analysis of the need for peaking resources associated with renewables. However, in an integrated system, it is difficult to separate the extent to which the need for peaking resources is being driven by renewables additions or other variables.

Our submission in this docket consists of two pieces of our Resource Plan filing to facilitate review by those that come to this docket, whom may be interested primarily in the Renewables component of our planning. We have provided the Renewables Chapter of our Resource Plan and we have provided the Executive Summary from our Resource Plan to provide context and generally describe the interaction of Renewables acquisitions with the rest of our plan. Nonetheless we encourage parties to examine our overall Resource Plan to better understand the context of our renewable energy plan.

There are only about 20 interested parties in this docket that were not on our Resource Plan service list. We have taken the liberty of adding them to the service list in Docket E002/RP-10-825 and have provided them a copy of our Resource Plan in total. We have also provided parties on our Renewable Energy Plan service list a copy of this cover letter without the attached portions of the resource plan to provide context.

Please let us know if the Commission believes additional information should be presented in the Renewable Energy Plan Docket or if we can organize information in some other way to facilitate participation. I can be reached at (612) 330-6732 or at james.r.alders@xcelenergy.com .

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure

c: Service List w/o attachments