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Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building, Dept. 408
600 East Boulevard
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--Via E-Mail and U.S. Mail--

SUBJECT: Interim Electric Rate Refund and first DOE Settlement Credit
Case Nos. PU-10-657, 11-55 and 11-557

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Northern States Power Company has completed its electric interim rate refund and customer credit resulting from the first settlement payment received from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for failure to take the Company's spent nuclear fuel.

We began implementation of the interim refund and DOE credits to our electric customers on June 23, 2012, with all credits applied to customer accounts as of August 7, 2012. We are pleased to report that the process went smoothly and according to our refund plan filed with the Commission on June 22.

Attachment A to this filing shows a summary by customer class of the actual amounts returned to customers.

Please call me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Customer Class	Interim Rate Revenues	Interim Rate Refund*	DOE Customer Credit*	Total Returned to Customers
Residential	\$8,074,315	\$1,110,160	\$1,935,256	\$3,045,417
Commercial & Industrial (Demand)	\$9,867,886	\$1,356,758	\$2,365,143	\$3,721,901
Commercial & Industrial (Non-Demand)	\$1,280,113	\$176,022	\$306,812	\$482,834
Outdoor Lighting	\$277,928	\$38,243	\$66,627	\$104,869
Total	\$19,500,243	\$2,681,182	\$4,673,838	\$7,355,020
Required Interim Refund / DOE Credit		\$2,680,872	\$4,673,813	
Amount Over Refunded		\$310	\$25	

*Interim rate refund and DOE credit amounts shown include accrued interest