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**–VIA EMAIL AND US MAIL–**

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

Re: COMPLIANCE FILING – 2008 ELECTRIC RATE ORDER  
CASE NO. PU-07-776

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation operating in North Dakota (“Xcel Energy” or the “Company”) submits to the North Dakota Public Service Commission our 2012 - 2014 Triennial Nuclear Decommissioning Accrual and a separate Petition for Approval of a New Escrow Fund Agreement for Nuclear Plant Decommissioning, which were recently filed in Minnesota. We provide this information pursuant to the Commission’s DECEMBER 31, 2008 ORDER ADOPTING SETTLEMENT in Case No. PU-07-776.

Paper copies of both Petitions are enclosed, however the supporting schedules attached to our accrual filing are being provided via the enclosed CD due to their size (over 1,000 pages). Please feel free to contact Dave Sederquist at (701) 241-8632 if you have any questions.

SINCERELY,

/s/

DAVE H. SEDERQUIST  
SENIOR REGULATORY/FINANCIAL CONSULTANT

Enclosures

cc: Michael R. Diller