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—Via Electronic Filing and U.S. Mail—

Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard  
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: SHERCO UNIT 3 RESTORATION UPDATE  
CASE NO. PU-12-12

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, provides this update to the North Dakota Public Service Commission on restoration activities at the Sherburne County Generating Station Unit 3 after the event that occurred on November 19, 2011.

We are pleased to report that the Sherco 3 restoration work has been completed. We are currently performing pre-operational checks and anticipate initial grid synchronization to occur this week. Once all testing is completed, Sherco 3 will be released for commercial operation and dispatch by MISO. We anticipate the testing will be completed within the next few weeks.

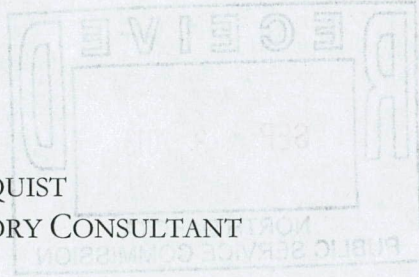
We will continue to provide updates to the Commission, with our next update expected to be filed later this month. We plan to provide additional information about our root cause investigation in our next September update and at our next Periodic Information Exchange meeting scheduled for November 7.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this update.

Sincerely,

/s/

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SR. REGULATORY CONSULTANT



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