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December 14, 2012

— VIA E-MAIL & FEDERAL EXPRESS —

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

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**RE: APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY  
TO INCREASE RATES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE IN NORTH DAKOTA  
NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE  
CASE NO. PU-12-\_\_\_\_\_**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy (the Company), will be filing an electric rate case with the North Dakota Public Service Commission on Tuesday, December 18, 2012. Enclosed, please find a check in the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) as the required application fee pursuant to N.D. Cent. Code § 49-05-04, subd. 11.

The Company will electronically submit our filing materials on Tuesday, December 18. However, to ensure delivery by December 18<sup>th</sup>, we are also separately shipping paper copies of our filing today. This application fee and the paper copies may be received sooner than Tuesday, but our request assumes the official filing date to be December 18, 2012.

Please contact me with any questions at (612) 330-7571 or by email at [debra.j.paulson@xcelenergy.com](mailto:debra.j.paulson@xcelenergy.com).

Sincerely,

Debra J. Paulson  
Manager, Rate Cases  
Northern States Power Company

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Enclosure

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Letter enclosing filing fee

Northern States Power Company

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