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—Via Email and US Mail—

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

RE: 2014 ANNUAL REVIEW OF REMAINING LIVES

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Pursuant to the approved Settlement Agreement in Case NO. PU-12-813, Northern States Power Company (Xcel Energy), submits this letter to inform the North Dakota Public Service Commission that on February 28, 2014 Xcel Energy filed its 2014 Review of Remaining Lives with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) in Docket No. E,G002/D-14-181. This Petition provided recommendations stemming from our annual review of electric and natural gas production and natural gas storage asset lives and net salvage rates. The Petition is available on the MPUC website.

The filing showed the impact of proposed changes relating to passage of time adjustments, a modification to the remaining life for Sherco Unit 3, and modifications to the remaining lives for certain Wescott natural gas storage facilities. The filing also discussed Minnesota Valley plant removal costs, Monticello LCM/EPU depreciation, new wind production facilities expected to be in-service in 2015 (these wind facilities will be included in our 2015 remaining lives filing), and a potential Grand Forks natural gas production asset sale. Overall, our Petition indicated a decrease of \$1,874,942 in 2014 annual depreciation expense (total Company). The new remaining lives would become effective January 1, 2014 once approved by the MPUC.

Please contact me at [dave.sederquist@xcelenergy.com](mailto:dave.sederquist@xcelenergy.com) or (701) 241-8632 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David H. Sederquist'.

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