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June 30, 2015

— VIA E-MAIL & FEDERAL EXPRESS —

Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
Department 408  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: COMPLIANCE FILING  
NEW RESOURCES INCLUDED IN THE 2014 FUEL COST RIDER  
ELECTRIC RATE CASE NO. PU-12-813

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

In accordance with Section I.B.1 of the Comprehensive Settlement Agreement in the referenced case, Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, with operations in North Dakota, encloses a summary list of new Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) being included in the 2014 Fuel Cost Rider for purposes of cost recovery.

The Settlement directs us to include a description of the project, justification for the contract, expected annual costs over the life of the contract, and the initial estimated monthly bill impact to residential customers.

Portions of the attached report have been redacted and designated as “Non-Public.” The redacted portions contain “trade secret” information that is proprietary financial information of the Company as it derives independent value from not being generally known, is not ascertainable by other persons, can be used by other for a variety of purposes, and is maintained as confidential by the Company. Thus, Xcel Energy maintains this information as a trade secret. This designation is made pursuant to the

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Commission's Order Granting Trade Secret Protection under the Company's April 9, 2013 Application.

Please call or email me if you have any questions about the information provided.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David H. Sederquist". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

DAVID SEDERQUIST  
SR. REGULATORY CONSULTANT

Enclosure  
cc: Mike Diller

**New Small Purchased Power Agreements (less than 50 MW) Included in the ND Fuel Cost Rider**  
 2014 Reporting Period

Identification/ Counter- parties	Description of Project								Justification	MWh Energy During Report Period	Cost During Report Period (000's)	First Year Monthly Bill Impact **
	Type	Location	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	MW Capacity	Avg. Price * (\$/MWh)	Estimated Annual MWh	Avg. Annual Cost (000's)				
1  Diamond K Dairy	BioGas	Altura, MN	12/31/13	12/31/23	0.35	[BEGIN TRADE SECRET...  ... END TRADE SECRET]	1,971	[BEGIN TRADE SECRET...  ... END TRADE SECRET]	This production project was awarded a \$800,000 grant from the Renewable Development Fund in 2004. DKD developed a methane digester electric generating facility.	955	[BEGIN TRADE SECRET...  ... END TRADE SECRET]	< \$0.01

\* Average contract price over life of contract

\*\* Estimated average monthly Residential bill impact based on 750 kWh use [(System FCR with Contract - System FCR without Contract)/System MWh \* 750]