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---- Via Electronic Filing ----

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

**RE: COMPLIANCE FILING
OUTAGE CREDITS – MISCELLANEOUS TARIFF COMPLIANCE FILING
(CASE NOS. PU-12-813, ET. AL.)**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

On April 21, 2017, Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, filed a miscellaneous tariff change reflecting the expiration in 2016 of its \$50 outage credits to Customers Experiencing Multiple Interruptions (CEMI credits). On May 5, 2017, commission staff issued a memorandum recommending extension of the outage credits. On June 15, 2017, a Settlement Agreement between North Dakota Public Service Commission Advocacy Staff and Xcel Energy was executed to continue the Reliability Performance Plan (as previously established in Case No. PU-10-657, et. al., and extended in PU-12-813, et. al.) through December 31, 2017.

On September 6, 2017, the North Dakota Public Service Commission issued an Order approving the Settlement Agreement.

Tariff Sheet

In compliance with the Order, the following tariff sheet is provided in legislative and non-legislative format reflecting the extension of the CEMI credits:

North Dakota Electric Rate Book—NDPSC No. 2

Sheet No. 6-35, revision 4

Please contact me if there are any questions concerning this filing at 701-241-8632.

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 H. SEDERQUIST
SENIOR REGULATORY AND FINANCIAL CONSULTANT

Enclosure

Legislative

6.2 CURTAILMENT OR INTERRUPTION OF SUPPLY

Without notice, Company may curtail or interrupt service to any or all of its customers when in its judgment such curtailment or interruption will tend to prevent or alleviate a threat to the integrity of its power supply. In such event the judgment of the Company will be deemed conclusive on all parties involved. The selection by the Company of the customers to be curtailed or interrupted will also be conclusive on all parties concerned, and the Company will be under no liability for any such curtailment or interruption.

Any curtailment or interruption of supply will not relieve the customer from its obligations to the Company.

6.3 BUSINESS INTERRUPTION

If, for any cause not reasonably within the customer's control – including fire, explosion, flood, unavoidable accident, labor dispute, or government interference – the customer's electric load is substantially reduced because customer is partially or totally prevented from using all the electric service supplied by the Company, the demand ratchet portion of the Determination of Demand provision of the general service rates shall be suspended for the duration of the business interruption. Similarly, the Annual Minimum Demand Charge provision of customer contracts for the interruptible service rates shall be prorated to reflect the duration and level of customer's business interruption.

6.4 CREDITS FOR CUSTOMERS EXPERIENCING MULTIPLE INTERRUPTIONS (CEMI)

This service quality provision annually compensates individual electric customers who experience more than three (3) qualifying electric service interruptions at a unique premise during a given calendar year. However, residential customers who move during the year will receive a credit if the sum of qualified outages at their current and previous premises totals more than three (3). CEMI credits will be issued annually ~~for a three-year reliability performance~~ while the plan period is in effect, ~~currently from~~ January 1, 2013 through December 31, 201~~5~~⁷.

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Outages which qualify for inclusion in the determination of annual CEMI credits must be sustained outages (i.e., lasting more than five (5) minutes) which:

- Do not occur on a Major Event Day (a day in which unusually high customer-minutes of electric service interruption occurs, relative to historical experience). Generally, a Major Event Day is a day in which high winds, an ice storm, frequent lightning, and/or other statistically outlying event occurs (a Major Event Day is specifically defined by IEEE Standard #1366-2003); and/or
- Are not caused by a 'public damage' event (i.e., contractor hits, vehicular damage, equipment interference, customer tampering, etc.).

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CEMI credits will be included on bills issued beginning May 1 of the year following the given performance year to the customer of record for the particular premise as of the date the CEMI credit is issued. Customers who qualify for a CEMI credit will receive a one-time \$50 credit identified as a separate line item on the bill.

Date Filed: ~~01-11-13~~⁰⁴⁻²¹⁻¹⁷ By: ~~David M. Sparby~~^{Christopher B. Clark} Effective Date: ~~01-01-13~~⁰⁹⁻⁰⁶⁻¹⁷
President, ~~and CEO of~~ Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation
Case No. PU-~~12-81310-657, PU-11-55 & PU-~~¹¹⁻⁵⁵⁷ Order Date: ~~12-12-12~~⁰⁹⁻⁰⁶⁻¹⁷

Final

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