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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: Filing Pursuant to NDPSC Small Power Production and Cogeneration Rules (Chapter 69-09-07)

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Pursuant to the above referenced Rules, NDPSC Order Case No. 9999, and NDCC section 49.05.06, Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy and operating in North Dakota, submits for filing the original and seven copies of the rate sheets and avoided costs for the Standard Contract Offer and Guidelines proposed for 2015.

The Net Energy Billing Service is revised to reflect the 2015 avoided energy cost level and meter charges. This service is available to qualifying facilities with a capacity of 100 kW or less who can use the output from the qualifying facility to offset energy delivered by the Company.

The Purchase and Sales Billing Service and Time of Day Purchase Service are revised to reflect the 2015 avoided cost level and metering charges. The Purchase and Sales Billing Service is also available to qualifying facilities with capacity up to 100 kW.

The Company also submits the avoided costs for the Standard Contract Offer and Guidelines for filing. The provisions of the Standard Contract Offer and Guidelines have not changed from last year's filing.

Under separate cover, we are forwarding to the PSC Staff the work papers which support this filing. The updated tariffs were developed in accordance with NDPSC Small Power Production and Cogeneration Rules (Chapter 69-09-07).

These updates do not reflect any significant changes, though presently there is one customer on the Net Energy Billing Service. Pursuant to North Dakota PSC Small Power Production and Cogeneration Rules (Chapter 69-09-07-09, part 3, subpart 2) the Company will provide an annual report of total monthly energy produced by the customer. As was the case with last year's filing, Xcel Energy respectfully requests that – should PSC Staff have no particular concerns with the filed revisions – the Commission forego an informal hearing on this filing in the interests of time and resources.

The revised rate sheets and avoided cost level for Standard Contract Offer and Guidelines are filed to become effective February 1, 2015.

Xcel Energy notes that the statutory changes to the Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act of 1978 (PURPA) contained in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005¹), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission adoption of a Small Generation Interconnection Procedure and standard form Small Generation Interconnection Agreement in FERC Order No. 2006;² and FERC Order No. 688 and 688-A governing the mandatory purchase obligation under EPAct 2005, may affect future development of QF's in North Dakota by either encouraging or discouraging cogeneration and small power production³. Since the latter Orders were issued within the last couple of years, their ultimate impact is not known at this time.

If you have any questions concerning this filing, feel free to contact me at 701-241-8632.

Sincerely,

/s/

DAVE SEDERQUIST
SENIOR REGULATORY AND FINANCE CONSULTANT

cc John Chow, Xcel Energy
Paul Lehman, Xcel Energy

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¹ Pub. L. No. 109-58, Sec. 1253, 119 Stat. 594 (2005).

² *Standardization of Small Generation Interconnection Agreements and Procedures*, Order No. 2006, 70 Fed. Reg. 34,189 (June 13, 2005); 111 FERC ¶ 61,220 (2005); *order on reh.*, Order No. 2006-A, 116 FERC ¶ 61, 046 (2006).

³ New PURPA Section 210(m) Regulations Applicable to Small Power Production and Cogeneration Facilities, Order No. 688, 71 FR 64342 (Nov. 1, 2006), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,233 (2006)

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NORTH DAKOTA ELECTRIC RATE BOOK - NDPSA NO. 2

**NET ENERGY BILLING SERVICE
RATE CODE D50**

Section No. 9
~~6th~~7th Revised Sheet No. 2

AVAILABILITY

Available to any Small Qualifying Facility (SQF) with a capacity of 100 kW or less who receives non-time of day retail electric service from Company and offsets energy delivered by Company.

RATE

Metering Charge per Month

Single Phase	\$3.25
Three Phase	\$5.50

Payment Schedule for Energy Delivered to Company

Energy Payment per kWh	2.689¢ <u>3.327¢</u>
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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

1. Energy used by customer in excess of energy delivered by the small qualifying facility at the same site during the same billing period shall be billed in accordance with the appropriate non-time of day retail electric rate.

For demand metered General Service customers, the entire kW demand supplied by the Company at the same site during the same billing period shall be billed to the customer according to the appropriate General Service demand charge rate.
2. Interconnection charges will be assessed by the Company on an individual basis for all costs associated with addition to or modification of Company facilities to accommodate the small qualifying facility (SQF). The net interconnection charge is the responsibility of the SQF.
3. The voltage and phase of customer's generator must be consistent with existing service and approved by the Company.
4. The customer must maintain a power factor of the generator as close to unity as is consistent with NSP operating standards.

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NORTH DAKOTA ELECTRIC RATE BOOK - NDPSC NO. 2

**PURCHASE AND SALE BILLING SERVICE
RATE CODE D51**

Section No. 9
~~8th~~9th Revised Sheet No. 3

AVAILABILITY

Available to any Small Qualifying Facility of less than 100 kW who receives non-time of day retail electric service.

RATE

Metering Charge per Month

Single Phase	\$5.25
Three Phase	\$7.60

Payment Schedule for Energy Delivered to Company

	<u>Oct-May</u>	<u>Jun-Sep</u>
Energy Payment per kWh	2.700¢ <u>3.261¢</u>	2.666¢ <u>3.460¢</u>
Capacity Payment per kWh for Firm Power	0.291¢ <u>0.289¢</u>	1.549¢ <u>1.541¢</u>

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DETERMINATION OF FIRM POWER

The small qualifying facility will have supplied firm power if during the billing period an on peak capacity factor of at least 65 percent was achieved. The calculation of the on peak capacity factor will be as follows:

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NORTH DAKOTA ELECTRIC RATE BOOK - NDPSO NO. 2

TIME OF DAY PURCHASE SERVICE
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Section No. 9
~~8th~~9th Revised Sheet No. 4

AVAILABILITY

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RATE

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Single Phase	\$5.25
Three Phase	\$7.60

Payment Schedule for Energy Delivered to Company

	<u>Oct-May</u>	<u>Jun-Sep</u>
Energy Payment per On-Peak kWh	3.740¢ <u>4.134¢</u>	4.094¢ <u>5.226¢</u>
Energy Payment per Off-Peak kWh	2.347¢ <u>2.786¢</u>	2.199¢ <u>2.482¢</u>
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Standard Contract Offer
by
Northern States Power Company

2015 Rate Sheet

Years	\$/kW-mth	Years	\$/MWh
<u>Contract Length</u>	<u>Levelized Capacity</u>	<u>Payment Period</u>	<u>Levelized Energy (1)</u>
1	0.00		
2	0.00		
3	0.00		
4	0.00		
5	0.00		
6	0.00	1	33.56
7	0.81	2	34.57
8	1.41	3	35.43
9	1.88	4	36.28
10	2.26	5	37.08
11	2.57	6	37.79
12	2.83	7	38.43
13	3.04	8	39.02
14	3.23	9	39.57
15	3.39	10	40.09
16	3.53	11	40.58
17	3.66	12	41.05
18	3.77	13	41.51
19	3.87	14	41.96
20	3.96	15	42.39
21	4.04	16	42.81
22	4.11	17	43.23
23	4.18	18	43.64
24	4.24	19	44.05
25	4.30	20	44.46
26	4.35		
27	4.40		
28	4.44		
29	4.49		
30	4.53		
31	4.56		
32	4.60		
33	4.63		
34	4.66		
35	4.69		

(1) Minimum contract length required for levelized energy payments is 6 years. Maximum length is 20 years. Examples: A 6 year contract could receive one year of levelized energy rates at 46.10 \$/MWh with the remaining 5 years used for payback account corrections. A 20 year contract could receive 15 years of levelized payment at 55.68 \$/MWh for each year with the remaining 5 years for payback account corrections.

Standard Contract Offer
by
Northern States Power Company

2016 Rate Sheet

Years	\$/kW-mth	Years	\$/MWh
Contract Length	Levelized Capacity	Payment Period	Levelized Energy (1)
1	0.00		
2	0.00		
3	0.00		
4	0.00		
5	0.00		
6	0.94	1	34.94
7	1.61	2	35.87
8	2.12	3	36.78
9	2.51	4	37.61
10	2.83	5	38.33
11	3.08	6	38.98
12	3.30	7	39.58
13	3.48	8	40.12
14	3.63	9	40.64
15	3.77	10	41.13
16	3.89	11	41.60
17	3.99	12	42.05
18	4.08	13	42.49
19	4.17	14	42.92
20	4.24	15	43.34
21	4.31	16	43.75
22	4.37	17	44.16
23	4.43	18	44.56
24	4.48	19	44.96
25	4.53	20	45.36
26	4.57		
27	4.61		
28	4.65		
29	4.68		
30	4.72		
31	4.75		
32	4.78		
33	4.80		
34	4.83		
35	4.85		

(1) Minimum contract length required for levelized energy payments is 6 years. Maximum length is 20 years. Examples: A 6 year contract could receive one year of levelized energy rates at 49.21 \$/MWh with the remaining 5 years used for payback account corrections. A 20 year contract could receive 15 years of levelized payment at 57.99 \$/MWh for each year with the remaining 5 years for payback account corrections.

Standard Contract Offer
by
Northern States Power Company

2017 Rate Sheet

Years	\$/kW-mth	Years	\$/MWh
<u>Contract Length</u>	<u>Levelized Capacity</u>	<u>Payment Period</u>	<u>Levelized Energy (1)</u>
1	0.00		
2	0.00		
3	0.00		
4	0.00		
5	1.13		
6	1.88	1	36.65
7	2.42	2	37.58
8	2.83	3	38.41
9	3.14	4	39.13
10	3.39	5	39.77
11	3.60	6	40.34
12	3.77	7	40.87
13	3.92	8	41.37
14	4.04	9	41.84
15	4.15	10	42.30
16	4.24	11	42.74
17	4.33	12	43.16
18	4.40	13	43.58
19	4.47	14	43.98
20	4.53	15	44.39
21	4.58	16	44.78
22	4.63	17	45.18
23	4.68	18	45.57
24	4.72	19	45.96
25	4.75	20	46.34
26	4.79		
27	4.82		
28	4.85		
29	4.88		
30	4.91		
31	4.93		
32	4.96		
33	4.98		
34	5.00		
35	5.02		

(1) Minimum contract length required for levelized energy payments is 6 years. Maximum length is 20 years. Examples: A 6 year contract could receive one year of levelized energy rates at 52.32 \$/MWh with the remaining 5 years used for payback account corrections. A 20 year contract could receive 15 years of levelized payment at 60.27 \$/MWh for each year with the remaining 5 years for payback account corrections.