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Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
State Capitol Building, Department 408  
600 East Boulevard  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480

—Via Electronic Mail—

RE: 2015 UPPER MIDWEST INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN  
CASE NO. PU-15-\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Settlement approved by the Commission in Case No. PU-07-776, Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits eight (8) copies of its 2015 Upper Midwest Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) covering the period 2016 to 2030.

This IRP is being filed in each of the five jurisdictions served by Xcel Energy's NSP operating companies. As you are aware, as part of our most recent electric rate case in North Dakota and our attempt to accommodate differing state energy policies, we are continuing to develop and negotiate a system “restack” of our generation resources used to serve our North Dakota customers. The implications of the North Dakota restack process have been considered as part of this IRP.

We look forward to continued conversations with the Commission and its staff regarding this IRP. Specifically, we will be prepared to provide an overview of the IRP for the Commission at the Commission Hearing Room on January 21, 2015.

Please contact me at (701) 241-8632 or via email at [dave.sederquist@xcelenergy.com](mailto:dave.sederquist@xcelenergy.com). Alternatively, you may wish to contact Paul Johnson at (612) 330-6238 or [Paul.B.Johnson@xcelenergy.com](mailto:Paul.B.Johnson@xcelenergy.com) if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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2015 Upper Midwest Integrated Resource Plan  
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