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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  
SUPPLEMENT – CURRENT PREFERRED PLAN  
CASE NO. PU-15-19

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Northern States Power Company submits eight (8) copies of the enclosed Supplement to the Company's 2015 Upper Midwest Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) covering the period of 2016 to 2030. The initial filing of the IRP was provided to the North Dakota Public Service Commission on January 5, 2015.

This Supplement describes our Current Preferred Plan, which includes the ceasing of most of our coal operations at the Sherco plant (Units 1 and 2), accelerating installations of renewable energy, and constructing new natural gas generation. We look forward to continuing discussions with the North Dakota Commission and staff regarding these proposed revisions.

The Public version of the Supplement is provided with this submission. Portions of the Supplement and several attachments contain information the Company maintains as Trade Secret. The Non-Public version of the Supplement is being provided under separate cover.

Please contact me at (701) 241-8632 or via email at [dave.sederquist@xcelenergy.com](mailto:dave.sederquist@xcelenergy.com) if you have any questions about this submittal. Alternatively, you may contact

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Sincerely,



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