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—Via Electronic Mail and U.S. Mail—

Steven M. Kahl, Executive Director  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
State Capitol Building, Dept. 408  
600 East Boulevard  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: SITE PERMIT – EXTRAORDINARY EVENT– UPDATE  
COURTENAY WIND FARM LLC  
CASE NO. PU-15-174

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits this monthly status update to the North Dakota Public Service Commission regarding damage to the Courtenay Wind Farm caused by an EF-5 tornado and high-speed winds in June 2025.

The Company continues to pursue parallel paths in restoring as many turbines to service as possible while identifying options for repairs or repowering. Potential repowering could occur in 2028 or later.

## **1. Current Turbine Status**

Currently, 13 of the wind farm's 100 turbines are operating, 35 are severely damaged and totally inoperable and the remaining 53 are being assessed. The number of turbines in operation has decreased from the 16 we initially reported on September 30, 2025 due to additional damage undiscovered during initial inspections.

## **2. Disposal of Damaged Blades**

The Company contracted with Vestas to manage the removal and appropriate disposal of all damaged turbine blades. The 10 blades which landed in nearby farmers'

fields were removed from the fields as soon as possible. Xcel Energy will continue to work with Vestas to remove any additional debris that is identified.

All fiberglass blade debris was transported by Vestas to Wind Power Solutions in Hydro, Oklahoma for recycling.

### **3. Path Forward**

The Company is conducting a thorough assessment of options, ranging from partial restoration to a full repowering. As part of this process the Company is assessing feasible next steps which includes working with its insurers, and have started the claims process. However, it will take additional time for equipment inspections and assessments to be carried out. Upon completion of these steps, we will be able to determine whether we will move forward with repairs or a repowering.

The Company will provide monthly status updates as this matter progresses. Please advise as to any changes or additions that the Commission or Staff would like for these filings.

An electronic copy of this filing is also being sent to you for your convenience. Please contact me at [alex.j.nisbet@xcelenergy.com](mailto:alex.j.nisbet@xcelenergy.com) if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/

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