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**VIA U. S. AND ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Mr. Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Blvd.  
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: Wind Decommissioning Plans Filing Due Date  
Case No. PU-17-251

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

On December 28, 2017 a Notice was issued by the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") to owners and operators of commercial wind energy conversion facilities in the State of North Dakota ("Wind Farms") regarding compliance with new decommissioning rules detailed in North Dakota Administrative Code Chapter 69-09-09. Xcel Energy has reviewed these decommissioning statutes and the Commission's Notice, which states that by July 1, 2018, owners of wind farms are to 1) file a compliant decommissioning plan and cost estimate with the Commission, and 2) file a financial assurance acceptable to the Commission for existing wind farms whose commercial operations began prior to January 1, 2008.

While the Company has filed a Financial Assurance with the Commission for its proposed Foxtail Wind Project currently under construction, we have determined that we will not be able to complete our revised decommissioning plans for our existing Border Winds and Courtenay wind generation facilities in time to meet the July 1, 2018 compliance deadline.

In a June 2017 memo Staff had advised another North Dakota wind developer to contact the North Dakota Public Service Commission for further instruction in the event they were unable to timely comply with the filing requirements. Accordingly,

Xcel Energy respectfully requests the Commission approve a 30 day extension to file the revised decommissioning plans for these sites.

Please contact me if there are any questions or concerns regarding this request.

Sincerely,



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