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—VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND U.S. MAIL—

Mr. Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary  
ND Public Service Commission, Dept. 408  
600 E. Boulevard  
Bismarck, ND 58504-0480

RE: NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF SPECIAL FACILITIES RIDER APPLICATION  
Case No. PU-17-113

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

On March 24, 2017, Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation doing business as Xcel Energy, submitted to the North Dakota Public Service Commission a petition for approval of a new electric rate rider intended to allow the Company to recover the costs of discretionary and non-standard (i.e., “special facility”) installations.

Costs qualifying for recovery through the Special Facilities Rider (SFR) include project expenditures over and above those that would otherwise be incurred to provide similar service under the Company’s standard equipment and design parameters. Such projects are generally requested by, ordered by, or required under ordinance by cities within the Company’s North Dakota service territory. The Rider would have only been in effect for customers within the city in which the special facilities were requested or required.

Pursuant to North Dakota Rule 69-02-02-07, the Company wishes to withdraw its application for the SFR because it believes it is more appropriate to pursue modifications to the Franchise Agreements in the cities it serves to facilitate funding for non-standard and discretionary projects. No entity, other than Commission staff, participated in this proceeding and, therefore, the Company did not need to provide notice of this filing on any other entity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David H. Sederquist'.

David H. Sederquist  
Sr. Consultant, Regulation & Finance

cc: Patrick Fahh  
Victor Schock