

March 19, 2018

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

**Re: Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence – 1550 MW Wind Portfolio  
Application  
Case No. PU-17-120  
OAH Case No. 20170229**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) was signed by President Trump. While evaluation of the precise impacts of the new legislation is ongoing, the TCJA is likely to affect the costs and benefits of the 1,550 MW Wind Portfolio that is the subject of this proceeding. In light of the passage of the TCJA, Commission Advocacy Staff and Applicant, Northern States Power Company (Xcel Energy or the Company) have been in discussion regarding the impacts that it may have on the North Dakota Public Service Commission's review of this proceeding.

As an initial matter, Advocacy Staff and the Company respectfully request that the Commission postpone consideration of the Company's application in this Case. Postponing consideration of this Case will allow additional time for the Parties to update the record to reflect the impact of the TCJA and to analyze the effects of the TCJA on the prudence of the 1,550 MW Wind Portfolio. Advocacy Staff and the Company will propose a new procedural schedule for this proceeding upon completion of further analysis. To accommodate this request, Xcel Energy waives the seven (7) month time-frame for Commission review of its application as provided for by N.D.C.C. § 49-05-16(2).

Further, the Company and Advocacy Staff hereby withdraw the First Revised Settlement Agreement (Settlement) filed in this Case on September 22, 2017. The Settlement was premised on the record established in this Case prior to the passage of the TCJA. Both the Company and Advocacy Staff agree that it is appropriate to withdraw the Settlement until such time as further analysis can be conducted. Consequently, as between the Company and Advocacy Staff, the Settlement is hereby deemed terminated and of no further force and effect as of the date of this

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letter. Advocacy Staff and the Company reserve the right to enter into a further settlement agreement should the facts and circumstances so warrant.

Advocacy Staff and the Company look forward to reconvening these proceedings at an appropriate time. Please feel free to contact Mr. Schuh or Mr. Simpser should the Commission have any questions.

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