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VIA EMAIL AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

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

Re: NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
ADVANCE PRUDENCE—1,550 MW WIND PORTFOLIO APPLICATION
CASE NO. PU-17-120

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
ADVANCE PRUDENCE – 304.2 MW DAKOTA RANGE WIND APPLICATION
CASE NO. PU-17-372

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced Cases please find:

- (a) The Second Settlement Agreement between Applicant Northern States Power Company (Xcel Energy or the Company) and North Dakota Public Service Commission Advocacy Staff (Advocacy Staff) (Settlement Agreement); and
- (b) A Joint Stipulation of Capital Expenditure Costs between the Company and Advocacy Staff (Joint Stipulation).

The Settlement Agreement resolves all issues in the above referenced Cases by finding the resource additions at issue to be prudent in the context of the Tax Cuts

and Jobs Act, subject to conditions. The Joint Stipulation provides trade secret information necessary to implement the conditions provided for in the Settlement Agreement.

The trade secret information contained in the Joint Stipulation is of the nature of capital expenditure estimates and is consistent with the types of information granted trade secret protection by the August 2, 2017 Order Granting Trade Secret Protection in Case No. PU-17-120 and the June 13, 2018 Order Granting Trade Secret Protection in Case No. PU-17-372. Xcel Energy and Advocacy Staff respectfully request that this information be given Trade Secret Protection consistent with those orders. Both a Public and Non-Public version of the Joint Stipulation are provided for filing.

Xcel Energy and Advocacy Staff intend to file testimony in support of the Settlement Agreement no later than Thursday, October 4, 2018.

Please feel free to contact me at (701) 241-8632 or dave.sederquist@xcelenergy.com should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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