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Executive Secretary  
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**RE: NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY  
ADVANCE PRUDENCE – 304.2 MW DAKOTA RANGE WIND  
APPLICATION  
CASE NO. PU-17-372  
REQUEST TO POSTPONE PROCEEDING**

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 impact the costs and benefits of the Dakota Range Wind Project that is the subject of this proceeding. That said, we are also working on efforts to mitigate these impacts.

As such, Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, respectfully requests that the North Dakota Public Service Commission postpone consideration of the Company's application. Postponing consideration of this Case will allow additional time for Xcel Energy to analyze the impacts of the TCJA on the Dakota Range project as well as provide time for Xcel Energy to work with its vendors on efforts to potentially mitigate those impacts. 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).

Xcel Energy has discussed this request with Advocacy Staff and Advisory Staff and understands them to be in agreement. Xcel Energy will work with Advocacy Staff and Advisory Staff to identify and propose to the Commission a new procedural schedule once its analysis regarding the TCJA has been completed. Xcel Energy will continue to keep Advocacy Staff and Advisory Staff informed as to the progress of its analysis and its conclusions.



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Xcel Energy looks forward to reconvening these proceedings at an appropriate time. Please feel free to contact me or Mr. Dave Sederquist should the Commission have any questions.

Sincerely,

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