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



Re: Annual Auditor's Report – Automatic Adjustment Clause

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation operating in North Dakota, submits the attached independent auditor's report of its electric fuel clause adjustment for the year ending June 30, 2018, which was prepared by Deloitte & Touche LLP. The enclosed auditor's report is required by North Dakota Rule 69-09-01-30, subp. 11, which states: "Each utility shall cause an independent audit of its automatic adjustment clause to be performed annually. A copy of the auditor's report must be filed annually with the Commission."

Please feel free to contact me at amy.a.liberkowski@xcelenergy.com or 612-330-6613 or Rebecca Eilers at 612-330-5570 or rebecca.d.eilers@xcelenergy.com if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/

AMY LIBERKOWSKI
DIRECTOR, REGULATORY PRICING & ANALYSIS

Encl..

cc David H. Sederquist

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**Annual Independent Auditor's Report – Electric Fuel
Clause Adjustment**

Northern States Power Company

Amy Liberkowski

**Northern States Power Company, a
Minnesota corporation**

Schedule of Fuel Adjustment Clause Factors of Northern States Power
Company, a Minnesota corporation, for the period from July 1, 2017 to
June 30, 2018, and Independent Accountants' Report



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation

We have examined the accompanying Schedule of Fuel Adjustment Clause Factors ("the Schedule") of Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation (the "Company"), for the period from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. This Schedule is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Schedule based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Schedule is presented fairly, in all material respects, with the accounting for the Fuel Clause Adjustment (FCA) in accordance with the North Dakota Public Service Commission (the "Commission") rules governing automatic adjustment of energy charges, and with the Fuel Clause Riders and Dockets as defined in the North Dakota Electric Rate Book. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the Schedule. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Schedule, whether due to fraud or error. We believe the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the Schedule for the period from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, is presented in accordance with the criteria established by the North Dakota Administrative Code Chapter 69-09-02-39 governing automatic adjustment of energy charges, and with the Fuel Clause Riders and Dockets as defined on Sheet No. E76.2 of the North Dakota Electric Rate Book (including the revisions on Docket No. PU-07-776 dated March 1, 2009, Docket No. PU-10-19 dated September 8, 2010, Docket No. PU-14-012 dated May 21, 2014, and Docket No. PU-12-813 dated March 9, 2016), in all material respects.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors of the Company and the Commission, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

August 30, 2018

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA RETAIL ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS
SCHEDULE OF FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE FACTORS
FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018
(CENTS PER KWH)**

	Residential	C&I Non-Demand	C&I Demand Non-TOD	C&I Demand On-Peak	C&I Demand Off-Peak	Outdoor Lighting
July 1, 2017	2.248	2.326	2.296	2.885	1.793	1.655
August 1, 2017	2.545	2.634	2.600	3.267	2.030	1.874
September 1, 2017	2.349	2.431	2.400	3.016	1.874	1.730
October 1, 2017	2.449	2.535	2.502	3.144	1.954	1.803
November 1, 2017	2.218	2.295	2.266	2.847	1.769	1.633
December 1, 2017	2.415	2.499	2.467	3.100	1.927	1.778
January 1, 2018	2.341	2.423	2.391	3.005	1.868	1.724
February 1, 2018	2.691	2.785	2.749	3.454	2.147	1.981
March 1, 2018	2.392	2.476	2.444	3.071	1.909	1.762
April 1, 2018	2.548	2.637	2.603	3.271	2.033	1.876
May 1, 2018	2.144	2.219	2.190	2.753	1.711	1.579
June 1, 2018	2.282	2.362	2.331	2.929	1.821	1.680

This Schedule of Fuel Adjustment Clause Factors is based on the requirements of the Fuel Clause Riders and Dockets as defined on Sheet No. E76.2 of the North Dakota Electric Rate Book (including revisions on Docket No. PU-07-776 dated March 1, 2009, Docket No. PU-10-19 dated September 8, 2010, Docket No. PU 14-012 dated May 21, 2014, and Docket No. PU-12-813 dated March 9, 2016), filed by the Company with the North Dakota Public Service Commission.