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August 30, 2019

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Steven M. Kahl, 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. Kahl:

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation operating in North Dakota, submits the attached independent auditor's report of its electric fuel clause adjustment (i.e., the "Fuel Cost Rider") 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."

To align reporting schedules between the Company's state jurisdictions, we plan to file with the Commission around March 1, 2020 an auditor's report of our Fuel Cost Rider for the months July – December 2019. Thereafter, we intend to annually file an auditor's report on March 1, 2020 for the prior full calendar year.

Please feel free to contact me at [amy.a.liberkowski@xcelenergy.com](mailto:amy.a.liberkowski@xcelenergy.com) or 612-330-6613 or Rebecca Eilers at 612-330-5570 or [rebecca.d.eilers@xcelenergy.com](mailto: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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Northern States Power Company

# 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, 2018 to  
June 30, 2019, 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 North Dakota retail customers, for the period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, to determine whether it has been calculated in accordance the North Dakota Administrative Code Chapter 69-09-01-30 governing automatic adjustment of energy charges, and with the Fuel Clause Rider and Dockets as defined on Sheet No. E 76.2 of the North Dakota Electric Rate Book (including the revisions on Docket No. PU-07-776 dated March 1, 2009, and Docket No. PU-10-19 dated September 8, 2010). The Company's management is responsible for the Schedule. 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 that 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, 2018 to June 30, 2019, is calculated in accordance with the criteria established by the North Dakota Administrative Code Chapter 69-09-01-30 governing automatic adjustment of energy charges, and with the Fuel Clause Riders and Dockets as defined on Sheet No. E 76.2 of the North Dakota Electric Rate Book (including the revisions on Docket No. PU-07-776 dated March 1, 2009, and Docket No. PU-10-19 dated September 8, 2010), 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 the specified parties.

*Deloitte & Touche LLP*

August 28, 2019

## 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, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019 (CENTS PER KWH)

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	Residential	C&I Non-Demand	C&I Demand Non-TOD	C&I Demand On-Peak	C&I Demand Off-Peak	Outdoor Lighting
July 1, 2018	2.108	2.182	2.154	2.706	1.682	1.552
August 1, 2018	2.426	2.511	2.478	3.114	1.936	1.786
September 1, 2018	2.318	2.399	2.368	2.975	1.849	1.707
October 1, 2018	2.171	2.247	2.218	2.787	1.732	1.599
November 1, 2018	2.451	2.537	2.504	3.146	1.955	1.805
December 1, 2018	2.093	2.166	2.138	2.687	1.670	1.541
January 1, 2019	2.486	2.573	2.539	3.191	1.983	1.830
February 1, 2019	2.030	2.101	2.074	2.606	1.620	1.495
March 1, 2019	2.451	2.537	2.504	3.147	1.956	1.805
April 1, 2019	2.031	2.102	2.074	2.607	1.620	1.495
May 1, 2019	2.279	2.359	2.328	2.926	1.818	1.678
June 1, 2019	1.789	1.852	1.828	2.297	1.428	1.318

This Schedule of Fuel Adjustment Clause Factors is based on the requirements of the Fuel Clause Riders and Dockets Dockets as defined on Sheet No. E 76.2 of the North Dakota Electric Rate Book (including the revisions on Docket No. PU-07-776 dated March 1, 2009, and Docket No. PU-10-19 dated September 8, 2010), filed by the Company with the North Dakota Public Service Commission.