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—VIA EMAIL & U.S. MAIL—

Mr. Steven M. Kahl, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building, Dept. 408
600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: SUPPLEMENT - REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO TEMPORARILY WAIVE RULES
REGARDING ESTIMATED METER READS FOR MANUALLY READ ACCOUNTS
DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
(CASE NO. PU-20-179)

Dear Mr. Kahl:

On April 16, 2020 Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation doing business as Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy or the Company) requested the Commission temporarily waive certain administrative rules during the COVID-19 pandemic relating to the estimation of electric and natural gas energy usage. With this supplemental filing, the Company clarifies elements of that request.

Length of Time

In our April 16 request, we indicated that due to the evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, we were reluctant to propose a firm end date for the rules waiver but stated our intention to continue to monitor and re-evaluate the need for this safety action in the coming weeks. We now acknowledge that leaving the waiver period open-ended may concern the Commission and some customers, so we are revising our requested waiver period to be in effect from April 14th, 2020 through May 31, 2020. That said, we will resume manual meter readings sooner than May 31, 2020, if we are safely able to do so, and seek an extension of this date with the Commission if conditions do not sufficiently improve.

Locations of Effected Meters

The Company also wishes to clarify that all residential meters that are manually read, regardless of the location of the meter, will be estimated during the waiver period. Most residential manually-read meters are located inside customer homes or buildings. However, there are some meters located outside that, due to interference or distance, are not able to communicate effectively with the automated meter reading network. The commercial meters that are manually read are nearly all located within buildings.

An electronic copy of this filing is being sent to ndpsc@nd.gov. An original and seven copies are being sent by U.S. mail. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David H. Sederquist". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

DAVID H. SEDERQUIST
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cc: Stacy Eberle