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—Via Email & U.S. Mail—

Steven M. Kahl, Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building, Dept. 408
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RE: WITHDRAWAL OF COVID-19 DEFERRED ACCOUNTING REQUEST
CASE NOS. PU-20-192 (ELECTRIC), PU-20-220 (NATURAL GAS)

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Pursuant to the approved Settlement resolving our recent electric rate application (Case No. PU-20-441), Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, hereby formally withdraws its request for deferred accounting of COVID-19 pandemic-related financial impacts, including bad debt, on its regulated electric operations in North Dakota.

Section I.B.3 of the Settlement states:

The Parties recognize that the Company sought to defer certain revenue impacts and costs related to the impact of COVID-19 on its electric jurisdictional cost of service in Case No. PU-20-192. In recognition of the outcome of this Case, the Company will withdraw its requested deferral and not recover such costs from its North Dakota customers.

Though not specifically obligated by the Settlement to withdraw its deferred accounting request for impacts on its regulated *natural gas* business in North Dakota, the deferral request was for electric and natural gas impacts, and with this letter the Company wishes to be clear that it also withdraws the deferral request as it relates to the natural gas business. Accordingly, the Company will not seek rate relief for COVID-19 related impacts from North Dakota customers in either a future electric or natural gas rate case.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing. Thank you.

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