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—Via E-Mail and U.S. Mail—

Steven M. Kahl, Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
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RE: ADVANCE DETERMINATION OF PRUDENCE
HEARTLAND DIVIDE WIND II FACILITY
CASE NO. PU-20-433, OAH FILE NO. 20200421

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation doing business as Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy or the Company) provides this update to the Commission regarding the Heartland Divide Wind II facility, the subject of an Advance Determination of Prudence request in the above-referenced case.

Nextera Energy Resources, LLC (Nextera), which is developing the Heartland Divide Wind II project, has informed Xcel Energy that the project will likely be delayed. Nextera was required to relocate the transmission line serving the project due to certain landowner concerns and seek approval from the Iowa Utilities Board before proceeding with construction of the line along the revised route. In addition, the new route is longer than the prior planned route and is thus expected to take longer to construct. At this time, Nextera anticipates the commercial operation date (COD) will be no later than March 18, 2022.

We are providing this update because while there is still the possibility Nextera will meet the contractual December 31, 2021 COD, it is likely the project will be completed after that date. We do not believe this delay materially affects the economic analysis of the project.

The Company will further update the Commission once it has more information regarding the COD. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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