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

–Via Electronic Filing–

Re: NEW RESOURCES INCLUDED IN THE 2020 FUEL COST RIDER
CASE NOS. PU-12-813, PU-21-_____

Dear Mr. Kahl:

In accordance with Section I.B.1 of the Comprehensive Settlement Agreement in Case No. PU-12-813, Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy (Company), with operations in North Dakota, is required to provide an annual notification on any new Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) less than 50 MW in size that have been included in the Company's Fuel Cost Rider (FCR) calculation.

The Settlement directs us to include a description of the project, justification for the contract, expected annual costs over the life of the contract, and the initial estimated monthly bill impact to residential customers.

As Attachment A to this filing indicates, we entered into a PPA with one project in 2020:

- A landfill gas project with WM Renewable Energy, LLC

The two-year PPA with WM Renewable Energy, LLC replaces a prior agreement that was executed in 2009 and expired March 30, 2020. However, the landfill facility owner formally terminated the two-year replacement PPA on March 26, 2021. The owner experienced major outages at the facility beginning December 30, 2020, and the facility was never brought back online, so as a practical matter the replacement contract was only in effect for nine months.

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Portions of Attachment A have been designated as Trade Secret as they contain information the Company considers proprietary financial information as it derives independent value from not being generally known, is not ascertainable by other persons, can be used by others for a variety of purposes, and is maintained as confidential by the Company. Thus, Xcel Energy maintains this information as a trade secret. This designation is made pursuant to the Commission's August 26, 2013 Order Granting Trade Secret Protection in Case No. PU-12-813. Please call or email me if you have questions regarding this submission.

Sincerely,



DAVID H. SEDERQUIST
SR. CONSULTANT, REGULATION & FINANCE
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

Enclosure

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Northern States Power Company
Electric Utility – State of North Dakota

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New Small Purchased Power Agreements (less than 50 MW) Included in ND Fuel Cost Rider
2020 Reporting Period

PPA Counter-Party	Description of Project								Justification	MWh Energy During Report Period	Cost During Report Period	First Year Monthly Bill Impact ³
	Type	Location	Contract Start Date ¹	Contract End Date ²	Contracted Capacity (MW)	Avg. Price (\$/MWh)	Estimated Annual MWh	Avg. Annual Cost NSP System				
WM Renewable Energy, LLC	Landfill Gas	Burnsville MN	04/13/20	03/30/22	4.7	<i>Trade Secret Begins</i>	28,000	<i>Trade Secret Begins</i>	This is a qualified facility under PURPA, and we are required to negotiate a power purchase agreement with the counterpart	27,536	<i>Trade Secret Begins</i>	\$0.01
						<i>Trade Secret Ends</i>		<i>Trade Secret Ends</i>			<i>Trade Secret Ends</i>	

¹ Contract executed 04/06/20.

² Owner advised Company that PPA would terminate 03/26/21, and facility would be in a forced outage beginning 12/30/20 through end of agreement.

³ Estimated average monthly Residential bill impact based on 750 kWh use.