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Mr. Steven M. Kahl, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building
600 E Boulevard Avenue
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**RE: 2022 GAS RATE CASE COMPLIANCE FILING
INTERIM RATE REFUND – FINAL REPORT
CASE NO. PU-21-381**

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits this Final Interim Rate Refund Report detailing the credits returned to customers in the above-referenced case.

On November 22, 2022, the Company began posting refunds to customers' accounts, and completed issuing the interim rate refund credits to North Dakota customers on April 17, 2023. We submit this report detailing the amounts returned to customers pursuant to the FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER WITH DISSENT OF COMMISSIONER JULIE FEDORCHAK, dated October 27, 2022.

Credit Summary

The interim rate period subject to refund was November 1, 2021, when interim rates began, through October 31, 2022, with implementation of final rates on November 1, 2022. Refunds were issued to customers beginning November 22, 2022 and were fully credited to customer accounts on November 23rd, 2022. Then, on April 17, 2023, the Company sent checks to customers who were on the system for part of the interim rate period, but who were no longer active customers.

Using the final amount of actual total interim rate revenue, the amount of interim rate refunds processed for the period between November 1, 2021 and October 31, 2022 was \$1,935,632, resulting in an average residential customer refund of approximately

\$17.84. This is within the \$14.00 to \$19.00 range contemplated by the parties in the Revenue Requirements Settlement Agreement. Table 1 below summarizes the refund amount due to customers, which is slightly less than the actual amount of refund payments made.

Table 1
Interim Refund Amount Due

Item	Amount
Interim Revenue Subject to Refund	\$ 1,875,168
Interest on Interim Revenues	\$ 56,861
Total Interim Rate Refund	\$ 1,932,030

The refund was listed on each customer’s bill as a separate line item labeled “*Gas Interim Refund.*” An accompanying bill message provided a brief explanation of the line item. As noted above, customers who were on our system for part of the interim rate period but who no longer have active accounts with Xcel Energy were sent a check if their refund amount (combined with any current credit balance) was at least \$5.00. There were 13,880 such checks sent to former customers. Refund checks that are returned because customers cannot be located will be handled in accordance with North Dakota abandoned property laws and rules as prescribed in North Dakota Century Code § 47-30.1-08. The Company’s refund process in this case is consistent with its process for previous refunds it has issued in North Dakota.

We issued customer refunds ten days before the 30–60-day period after implementation of final rates, as allowed by the Revenue Requirements Settlement Agreement, which resulted in prompt credits to customers. As shown in Attachment A, the total amount of actual refunds provided to customers was \$1,935,632, which was \$3,603 greater than the required refund amount of \$1,932,030.

We provide the following attachments in support of this compliance report:

- Attachment A: Summary of Interim Refund
- Attachment B: Interim Rate Refund by Month
- Attachment C: Interim Refund Interest Calculation

Please contact me at 701-241-8632 or alex.j.nisbet@xcelenergy.com or Christopher Shaw at 612-330-7974 or christopher.j.shaw@xcelenergy.com if there are any questions concerning the calculations or technical aspects of this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/

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REGULATORY POLICY SPECIALIST

Enclosures

**Northern States Power Company
 Gas Utility - State of North Dakota
 Summary of Interim Refund - Final Report**

	<u>2022 TY</u>
<u>Interim Refund Factor Calculation</u>	
1 Authorized Annual Interim Rate Increase	\$6,989,655
2 <u>Approved Annual Base Rate Increase</u>	<u>\$5,074,421</u>
3 Annualized Excess Interim Recovery (line 1- line 2)	\$1,915,234
4 % Refundable (line 3 / line 1)	27.400980%
5 Actual Interim Revenue Increase Collected	\$6,843,435
6 Interim Refund Excluding Interest (line 4 x line 5)	\$1,875,168
7 <u>Interest on Interim Refund Balance (Attachment C)</u>	<u>\$56,861</u>
8 Interim Refund Including Interest (line 6 + line 7)	\$1,932,030
9 Interim Refund Factor (line 8 / line 5)	28.231869%
10 Final Interim Refund	\$1,935,632
11 Excess Refund (line 10 - line 8)	\$3,603

	<u>Est. Average Interim Refunds With Interest by Customer Class</u>		
	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial Firm</u>	<u>Interruptible</u>
12 Interim Revenues by Customer Class	\$3,347,824	\$3,156,700	\$338,911
13 Average Billed Customers (Nov. 2021-Oct. 2022)	52,987	9,267	83
14 Average Interim Revenues per Customer (line 12 / line 13)	\$63.18	\$340.66	\$4,099.73
15 Est. Average Interim Refund per Customer (line 9 x line 14)	\$17.84	\$96.17	\$1,157.43

**Northern States Power Company
Gas Utility - State of North Dakota
Interim Rate Refund by Month**

	Interim Revenue Collected	% Refundable¹	Interim Refund (excl. Interest)
Nov-21	\$281,283	27.400980%	\$77,074
Dec-21	\$615,079	27.400980%	\$168,538
Jan-22	\$888,809	27.400980%	\$243,542
Feb-22	\$758,334	27.400980%	\$207,791
Mar-22	\$802,207	27.400980%	\$219,813
Apr-22	\$610,630	27.400980%	\$167,318
May-22	\$579,797	27.400980%	\$158,870
Jun-22	\$502,545	27.400980%	\$137,702
Jul-22	\$408,133	27.400980%	\$111,832
Aug-22	\$509,214	27.400980%	\$139,530
Sep-22	\$428,748	27.400980%	\$117,481
Oct-22	\$458,659	27.400980%	<u>\$125,677</u>
2021-2022 Total	\$6,843,435		\$1,875,168

¹ Attachment A, Line 4

**Northern States Power Company
Gas Utility - State of North Dakota
Interim Refund Interest Calculation**

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Attachment C
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	Revenue Month	Beginning Balance	Curr Mo Int Rev Refund	Ending Balance	Average Balance	Days	Annual Interest¹	Monthly Interest
Nov-21 ²		\$0	\$77,074	\$77,074	\$38,537	30	3.25%	\$103
Dec-21		\$77,177	\$168,538	\$245,715	\$161,446	31	3.25%	\$446
Jan-22		\$246,161	\$243,542	\$489,703	\$367,932	31	3.25%	\$1,016
Feb-22		\$490,718	\$207,791	\$698,509	\$594,614	28	3.25%	\$1,482
Mar 1 - Mar 15		\$699,992	\$106,361	\$806,353	\$753,172	15	3.25%	\$1,006
Mar 16 - Mar 31		\$807,359	\$113,452	\$920,810	\$864,084	16	3.50%	\$1,326
Apr-22		\$922,136	\$167,318	\$1,089,454	\$1,005,795	30	3.50%	\$2,893
May 1 - May 3		\$1,092,348	\$15,375	\$1,107,722	\$1,100,035	3	3.50%	\$316
May 4 - May 31		\$1,108,039	\$143,495	\$1,251,534	\$1,179,787	28	4.00%	\$3,620
Jun 1 - Jun 14		\$1,255,154	\$64,261	\$1,319,415	\$1,287,285	14	4.00%	\$1,975
Jun 15 - Jun 30		\$1,321,390	\$73,441	\$1,394,832	\$1,358,111	16	4.75%	\$2,828
Jul 1 - Jul 26		\$1,397,659	\$93,795	\$1,491,454	\$1,444,557	26	4.75%	\$4,888
Jul 27 - Jul 31		\$1,496,342	\$18,037	\$1,514,380	\$1,505,361	5	5.50%	\$1,134
Aug-22		\$1,515,514	\$139,530	\$1,655,043	\$1,585,279	31	5.50%	\$7,405
Sep 1 - Sep 20		\$1,662,449	\$78,321	\$1,740,769	\$1,701,609	20	5.50%	\$5,128
Sep 21 - Sep 30		\$1,745,897	\$39,160	\$1,785,058	\$1,765,478	10	6.25%	\$3,023
Oct-22		\$1,788,081	\$125,677	\$1,913,758	\$1,850,919	31	6.25%	\$9,825
Nov 1		\$1,923,583	\$0	\$1,923,583	\$1,923,583	1	6.25%	\$329
Nov 2 - Nov 23		\$1,923,912	<u>\$0</u>	\$1,923,912	\$1,923,912	22	7.00%	<u>\$8,117</u>
Total			\$1,875,168					\$56,861
Refund + Interest								\$1,932,030

¹ Prime interest rates are from Federal Reserve Statistical Release H15 - Bank Prime Loan - Monthly

http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h15/data/Monthly/H15_PRIME_NA.txt

² Interim rates effective November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2022