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—VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND U.S. MAIL—

Steven M. Kahl, Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission, Dept. 408
State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58504-0480

**RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPETITIVE RESPONSE RIDER TARIFF
Case No. PU-22-185**

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, hereby submits to the North Dakota Public Service Commission a revised Competitive Response Rider (CRR) for approval. After submitting further information to the Commission in response to the July 6, 2022 hearing, we discussed our proposed tariff language further with Staff. Based on those discussions, we are providing the attached revision to our proposed tariff language to provide further clarification. Specifically, the Company's revised tariff proposal removes this language from our initial proposal:

If a customer receives a discount under the CRR, the Company is allowed to seek recovery, in a future general rate case, of the difference between the applicable commercial and industrial tariffed rate and the rate applied under this Rider to any of their existing load.

Our revised proposal adds the following language:

The minimum rate under this schedule shall recover at least the incremental cost of providing the service, including any energy-related marginal costs plus the cost of any incremental capacity, and any marginal customer-related costs. The goal of this calculation is to establish a floor price to ensure that the revenue requirement of other Customers will not increase due to the addition of the new load. In a future rate case, the test year revenues associated with any customer taking service under this rate will be included at the discounted rate level applicable during the test year.

We appreciate Staff's willingness to further engage with the Company on refining the tariff language. We have attached updated tariff sheets that include these revisions.

Please feel free to contact me at (612) 330-7974 if the Commission requires additional information or has any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/

CHRISTOPHER SHAW
MANAGER, REGULATORY POLICY

Enclosures

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COMPETITIVE RESPONSE RIDER

Section No. 5
~~3rd~~ 4th Revised Sheet No. 84

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AVAILABILITY

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1. The required minimum load served under the CRR is 2 MW for existing customers and 10 MW for prospective customers. Customer must provide Company with data and written assurances of their ability to meet certain load requirements described herein. Company will request the Commission to treat as trade secret any information provided to the Commission that meets the requirements for such protection.
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 - a. The size of the load served under this Rider.
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