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- Via Email and Federal Express -

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

RE: PLAN RELATED TO THE 13TH DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE)
SETTLEMENT PAYMENT – REQUEST FOR MODIFIED ORDER
CASE NO. PU-23-044

Dear Mr. Kahl:

On February 2, 2023, Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submitted to the Commission the Company's customer credit plan to issue \$1,331,018 to our North Dakota electric customers for additional funds received from the United States Department of Energy ("DOE") (the "Petition").

We are in receipt of the Commission's Order dated March 29, 2023 in which our proposal to refund the DOE settlement funds as a line-item refund on customer bills for 12 months through our new Bill Credit Rider ("BCR") was approved and ordered by the Commission. The Order states refund processing dates of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 as proposed in the Petition.

Due to the complexities associated with the first-time usage of this BCR, an April 1, 2023, start date is not possible as it was based upon incorrect assumptions of timing. This inaugural usage of the BCR requires additional setup and testing (compared to a rider already in use) to ensure that the funds can be provided to customers in an accurate and timely manner.

We are therefore respectfully requesting a revised Order with new processing dates of no later than **June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024**. Our team is setting up and testing this refund as quickly as possible and hopes to issue the first refund credits

in May 2023. However, we are requesting a June 1, 2023 start date out of an abundance of caution.

We apologize for the confusion this has caused; we should have alerted you sooner to this issue regarding the implementation date. Once the BCR is set up and utilized for this initial refund, we expect that future usage will be more timely and efficient.

We are very appreciative of the promptness and efficiency of Commissioners and Staff in approving the proposal found in our February 2, 2023 Petition and we again apologize for the inconvenience of this request.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

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REGULATORY POLICY SPECIALIST

Cc: Robert Frank