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—VIA EMAIL & U.S. MAIL—

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

RE: REQUEST TO WITHDRAW  
APPLICATION FOR ADVANCE DETERMINATION OF PRUDENCE –  
250 MW SHERCO SOLAR FACILITY (CASE NO. PU-23-182)

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, by way of this letter formally requests to withdraw its Application for an Advance Determination of Prudence (ADP) for a 250 MW grid-scale solar photovoltaic project at the Company's Sherburne County (Sherco) Generating Station site (the Project).

In its Order dated February 21, 2024 in Case No. PU-23-366, the Commission adopted the First Amended and Restated Settlement Agreement which removed the requirement that the Company must file ADP applications for proposed new construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of certain resources.

Carrying out the full ADP process for the Project is unnecessarily onerous and time consuming for both the Commission and the Company. It is the position of the Company that the Project would be better addressed in a future rate proceeding when the Commission can consider all circumstances to determine just and reasonable rates. At that time the Company can provide a holistic analysis of Project benefits to our customers.

The Company has discussed this request with Commission Staff. Staff is in agreement that this is a reasonable request given the circumstances of this matter. Please be advised that the Company is not waiving any rights or arguments with respect to the prudence of the Project.

We thank the Commission and Staff for your time and consideration of this matter. Please contact me at [alex.j.nisbet@xcelenergy.com](mailto:alex.j.nisbet@xcelenergy.com) if you have any questions regarding this correspondence.

SINCERELY,

/s/

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