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RE: SUPPLEMENTAL FILING

XCEL ENERGY'S 2023 ANNUAL REPORT AND PETITION ON SERVICE QUALITY

PERFORMANCE AND PROPOSED RELIABILITY MEASURES

DOCKET NO. E002/M-24-27

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission the attached Supplement to the Company's 2023 Service Quality Performance Annual Report and Petition submitted April 1, 2024 in the above-noted docket.

This Supplement provides information in compliance with the Commission's Order Point 4 in its December 5, 2023 Order in Docket No. E002/M-23-73, which requires the Company to submit a supplemental filing 30 days after IEEE publishes the 2023 reliability benchmarking results, comparing the Company's statewide reliability for 2023 to the IEEE benchmarking results. The IEEE 2023 benchmarking results were published on September 16, 2024. In this Supplement, we also update graphs from our April filing on the Company's reliability by work center to reflect the IEEE benchmarking results for 2023.

The Company continues to request that the Commission accept our annual report for 2023, as updated in this Supplement, and approve our proposed reliability standards for 2024 as detailed in our April filing and discussed in this filing.

We have electronically filed this document with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, and copies have been served on the parties on the attached service list. Please contact Nathan Kostiuk at <u>nathan.c.kostiuk@xcelenergy.com</u> or 612-215-4629 or me at <u>gail.baranko@xcelenergy.com</u> or 612-330-6935 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

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IN THE MATTER OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY'S ANNUAL REPORT ON SAFETY, RELIABILITY, AND SERVICE QUALITY FOR 2023; AND PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY STANDARDS FOR 2024

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SUPPLEMENTAL FILING

INTRODUCTION

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission this Supplement to our April 1, 2024 Annual Report on our safety, reliability, and service quality performance for 2023. We submit this filing in compliance with Order Point 4 in the Commission's December 5, 2023 Order in Docket No. E002/M-23-73, which requires the Company to submit a supplemental filing 30 days after IEEE publishes the 2023 reliability benchmarking results, comparing the Company's statewide reliability for 2023 to the IEEE benchmarking results.

In this Supplement, we show that the Company met all but one of the 2023 standards for its Minnesota service territory based on the IEEE benchmarking results for 2023, which were published on September 16, 2024.

As we committed in our April filing, we also provide in this Supplement updated graphs on the Company's reliability by work center to reflect the IEEE benchmarking results for 2023 that are now available. With this additional information, we continue to request that the Commission accept our annual report for 2023 as updated in this Supplement and approve our proposed reliability standards for 2024 as detailed in our April 1, 2024 filing and discussed below.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

I. STATEWIDE RELIABILITY 2023

Order Point 4 in the Commission's December 5, 2023 Order in Docket No. E002/M-23-73 states:

Set Xcel Energy's 2023 statewide Reliability Standard at the IEEE benchmarking 2nd Quartile for large utilities. Set Xcel's Southeast and Northwest work center reliability standards at the IEEE benchmarking 2nd quartile for medium utilities. Set Xcel's Metro East and Metro West work center reliability center standards at the IEEE benchmarking 2nd quartile for large utilities. Required Xcel to file a supplement to its 2023 SQSR report 30 days after IEEE publishes the 2023 benchmarking results, with an explanation for any standards the utility did not meet.

Supplemental Table A below provides the Company's Minnesota service territory-wide and work center specific reliability performance results for SAIDI, SAIFI, and CAIDI compared to the standards set by the Commission. The standards set by the Commission are the IEEE Distribution Reliability Working Group (DRWG) benchmarking results for 2023 at the second quartile for large and medium utilities.

Supplemental Table A
Minnesota Service Territory Reliability – 2023

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		Performance Results	Standards			
Minnesota	SAIDI	86.40	114			
	SAIFI	0.85	0.96			
	CAIDI	101.56	126			
Metro East	SAIDI	105.04	114			
	SAIFI	0.99	0.96			
	CAIDI	105.66	126			
Metro West	SAIDI	71.41	114			
	SAIFI	0.77	0.96			
	CAIDI	92.79	126			
Northwest	SAIDI	95.39	121			
	SAIFI	0.90	1.00			
	CAIDI	105.85	139			
Southeast	SAIDI	87.28	121			
	SAIFI	0.71	1.00			
	CAIDI	122.43	139			

As shown, on a Minnesota service territory-wide basis, the Company met the reliability thresholds for SAIFI, SAIDI, and CAIDI for 2023 at the IEEE benchmarking second quartile for large utilities.

On a work center basis, the Metro West, Northwest and Southeast work centers met the reliability thresholds for SAIFI, SAIDI, and CAIDI for 2023 at the IEEE benchmarking second quartile for large utilities.

Metro East work center met the reliability thresholds for SAIDI and CAIDI at the IEEE benchmarking second quartile for large utilities, but missed SAIFI by 0.03 interruptions. The Company exceeded the Metro East work center SAIFI threshold due to an increase in storm impacts and inclement weather conditions during the summer months of 2023. SAIFI is the measure of the average frequency of sustained service interruptions per customer throughout the year. With an increase in storm activity this naturally resulted in a rise of outages resulting from high wind, tree contacts, and lightning strikes. Part of the difference is also due to an improvement within the benchmarking group which improved median SAIFI by 0.06 in 2023. Metro East work center 2023 SAIFI performance was better than the 2nd quartile threshold levels in each of the prior 5 years (2018-2022). We have provided information around the Metro East work center in our annual filing. Graph 1A identifies a five-year average of top outage causes of Metro East work center: vegetation and overhead equipment were the top causes. Graphs 2, 3, & 4 show the five-year trend of all three indices along with top level and cause of outages from the current year. Table 14 lists transmission and distribution events along with Major Event Days and moderate storm activity. Upon review of that information, we believe those discussions address the reasons for the missed SAIFI threshold compared to IEEE benchmarking results.

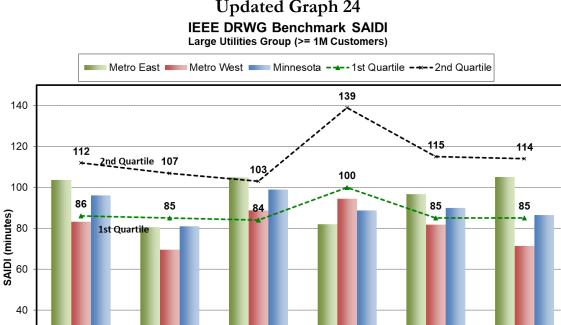
We have also provided information around Minnesota and the other three work centers in our April filing. Graphs 1(A-D) identifies top outage causes for Minnesota and work centers in 2023. Graphs 2 through 13 show the five-year trend of all three indices along with top level and cause of outages from the current year. Tables 14 through 17 list transmission and distribution events along with Major Event Day and moderate storm activity information. Those Annual Report discussions provide insight into outages and work center events contributing to year end indices results.

II. PROPOSED RELIABILITY STANDARDS FOR 2024

In our Annual Report and Petition, we proposed reliability standards for 2024 as required under Minn. R. 7826.0600. Specifically, we proposed a benchmarking standard for each work center similar to the standard the Commission set for

Minnesota overall. For the Company's two large metro regions, we proposed the IEEE benchmark for large utilities. This would be the same standard as utilized for Minnesota overall. For the two more rural areas of the Northwest and Southeast work centers, we proposed the IEEE benchmark for medium utilities. The standard for all proposals is to achieve metrics at or better than the second quartile.

We provided graphs in our Annual Report showing historic reliability by work center compared to IEEE benchmarking results for 2018-2022. With the 2023 IEEE results now available, this Supplement updates Graphs 24 through 29 from our April filing to include the applicable 2023 IEEE benchmarking results for each work center for SAIDI, SAIFI, and CAIDI. Updated Graphs 24, 25, and 26 provide the large utility data for our Metro West and Metro East work centers, as well as for our Minnesota service territory overall. Updated Graphs 27, 28, and 29 provide the medium utility data for our Southeast and Northwest work centers.

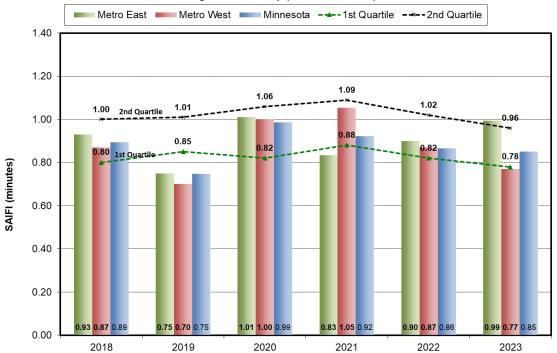


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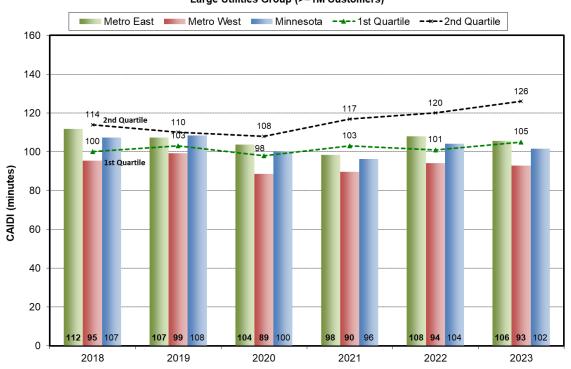
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Updated Graph 25 IEEE DRWG Benchmark SAIFI Large Utilities Group (>= 1M Customers)



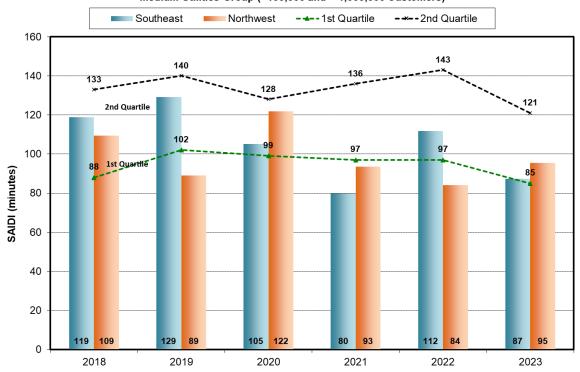
Updated Graph 26

IEEE DRWG Benchmark CAIDI Large Utilities Group (>=1M Customers)



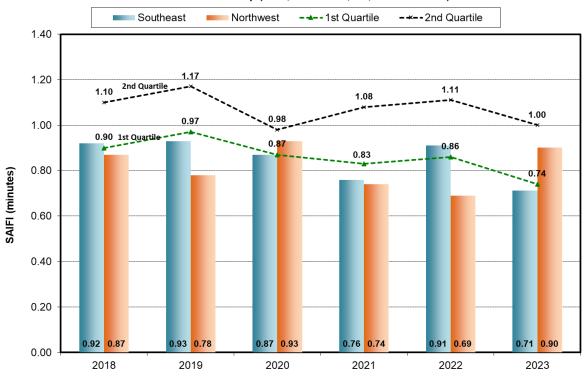
Updated Graph 27

IEEE DRWG Benchmark SAIDI
Medium Utilities Group (>100,000 and < 1,000,000 Customers)



Updated Graph 28

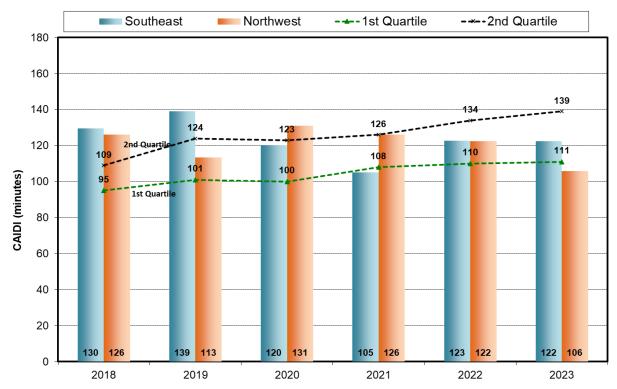
IEEE DRWG Benchmark SAIFI
Medium Utilities Group (>100,000 and < 1,000,000 Customers)



Updated Graph 29

IEEE DRWG Benchmark CAIDI

Medium Utilities Group (>100,000 and < 1,000,000 Customers)



As shown in these graphs, and as discussed above, the Company met 11 of the 12 standards for the work centers in 2023.

In 2021, the Company transitioned to utilizing the nationally recognized IEEE Distribution Reliability Working Group survey to benchmark our performance for the purposes of setting standards for SAIDI, SAIFI, and CAIDI. Applicable IEEE benchmarking results are used to set work center reliability standards for 2024 based on second quartile performance levels. Comparisons are not perfect because each utility, and indeed each work center for the Company, is unique relative to such things as infrastructure, system layout, operating structure, and weather patterns. While recognizing significant differences exist in performance capabilities of various utilities, a better-than-average (i.e., second quartile or better) reliability performance of a utility compared to its peers suggests that the utility is attentive to providing quality service performance to its customers.

At the same time, we recognize that missing the second quartile benchmarking standard for a given year may not necessarily be indicative of systemic reliability issues in a particular work center. However, tracking of performance over time compared to benchmarking results may highlight possible reliability issues. We would pay close attention to these results and would assess in detail work center performance and operations where specific standards are not met.

Given the IEEE benchmarking results for 2023, we propose to continue to use the applicable benchmarking standards for each work center. We support standards at the second quartile of the IEEE benchmark for large utilities for our Metro East and Metro West work centers, and at the second quartile of the IEEE benchmark for medium utilities for our Northwest and Southeast work centers.

CONCLUSION

We submit this supplemental filing in compliance with Commission order, and we appreciate the opportunity to include this updated information for our Annual Report. We respectfully request that the Commission accept our Annual Report on safety, reliability, and service quality, as updated by this Supplement. We also continue to request that the Commission approve our proposed reliability standards for 2024 as detailed in our April filing and discussed in this Supplement.

Dated: September 26, 2024

Northern States Power Company

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Joshua DePauw, hereby certify that I have this day served copies of the foregoing document on the attached list of persons.

- <u>xx</u> by depositing a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at Minneapolis, Minnesota
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Dated this 26th day of September 2024

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