

March 19, 2014

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Burl W. Haar Executive Secretary Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

EWG AND FUCO INVESTMENTS DOCKET NO. E002/M-00-1553

Dear Dr. Haar:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission this annual report on Xcel Energy Inc.'s exempt wholesale generators (EWG) and foreign utility companies (FUCO) investments in compliance with the Commission's March 26, 2001 ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATION in the above-referenced docket.

We have electronically filed this document and served copies on all parties on the attached service list.

If you have any questions regarding this filing please contact me at paul.lehman@xcelenergy.com or (612) 330-7925.

Sincerely,

/s/

PAUL J LEHMAN
MANAGER, REGULATORY COMPLIANCE AND FILINGS

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# STATE OF MINNESOTA BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF NORTHERN STATES
POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA
CORPORATION, PETITION FOR
CERTIFICATION TO THE SECURITIES AND
EXCHANGE COMMISSION REGARDING
INVESTMENTS IN FOREIGN UTILITY
COMPANIES AND EXEMPT WHOLESALE
GENERATORS

DOCKET NO. E002/M-00-1553

ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

#### Introduction

Northern States Power Company doing business as Xcel Energy, submits to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission this annual report in compliance with the Commission's March 26, 2001 ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATION in the above-referenced Docket.

In addition to providing the required compliance information in this filing, we respectfully request the Commission to discontinue or modify the reporting requirements associated with this Docket.

Xcel Energy Inc. has made no EWG- or FUCO-related investments since 2005. As described in our previous Annual Reports in this Docket, due to changes in SEC and FERC reporting requirements, Xcel Energy Inc. no longer reports such information to the SEC or to the FERC. We therefore request the Commission to discontinue this reporting requirement in an Order in this Docket. Alternatively, we request the Commission to require the Company to only file the information contained in this report for years when EWG and FUCO investment changes have occurred.

#### REPORT

#### A. Background

The reporting requirements contained in the ORDER stem from the Company's request for certification from the Commission to the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to investments in Exempt Wholesale Generators and Foreign Utility Corporate Organizations in an amount up to 100 percent of its consolidated retained earnings.

### B. Required Compliance Information

Item 1. Xcel Energy Inc.'s total EWG and FUCO investment to date by subsidiary and country.

The aggregate investment by Xcel Energy Inc. in EWGs and FUCOs as defined in 250 U.S.C sec. 53(a) (repealed) has been \$0 since 2005. During 2013, Xcel Energy Inc.'s investment in EWGs and FUCOs remained at \$0.

Item 2. A list of all outstanding bonds issued for and secured by any foreign investment acquired by Xcel Energy Inc. or its subsidiaries.

None.

Item 3. Copies of all SEC orders relating to Xcel Energy Inc.'s EWG and FUCO investments.

None.

Item 4. The ratio of Xcel Energy Inc.'s total EWG and FUCO investments relative to Xcel Energy Inc.'s total assets and capitalization.

2013 Ratio of EWG and FUCO Investment to Total Assets: 0% 2013 Ratio of EWG and FUCO Investment to Total Capitalization: 0%

Item 5. The ratio of Xcel Energy Inc.'s total EWG and FUCO investments relative to Xcel Energy Inc.'s consolidated retained earnings.

2013 Ratio of EWG and FUCO Investments to Consolidated Retained Earnings: 0%

### CONCLUSION

Xcel Energy respectfully requests that the Commission accept this report and discontinue or modify the annual reporting requirements in this Docket due to the changes that have occurred in the related SEC and FERC reporting requirements.

Dated: March 19, 2014
Northern States Power Company
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
/s/ By:
PAUL J LEHMAN
Manager, Regulatory Compliance and Filings

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Theresa Sarafolean, hereb	y certify that I h	nave this day ser	rved copies of	the foregoing
document on the attached l	st 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
- <u>xx</u> electronic filing

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Dated this 19th day of March 2014

/s/

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