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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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RE: REPLY COMMENTS
INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE TARIFF MODIFICATIONS
DOCKET NO. G002/M-14-540

Dear Dr. Haar:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits this Reply to the August 4, 2014 Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce – Division of Energy Resources in the above-referenced docket.

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 me at paul.lehman@xcelenergy.com or 612-330-7529 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

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 THE PETITION OF
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS TO
THE INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE TARIFFS

DOCKET No. E002/M-14-540

REPLY COMMENTS

INTRODUCTION

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission this Reply to the August 4, 2014 Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce – Division of Energy Resources on our Petition for Approval of Modifications to the Interruptible Service Tariffs.

We appreciate the Department's recommendation that the Commission approve our Petition, with modifications. We provide our Reply to the Department's request for additional information below.

REPLY

A. Proposed Tariff Language

We agree with the Department that we should include the new proposed language on the additional tariff pages that they list and apologize for not including them in our original filing. We have reviewed our complete tariff book and have not found any other pages to which the language should be added.

We are also amenable to including the Department's suggested language addressing the right to move interruptible customers to a firm rate and specify that customers will be responsible for reconnection costs if they are disconnected for non-compliance with the curtailment section of the Tariff.

Below is an updated list of the tariff sheets we are proposing to change.

Minnesota Gas Rate Book – MPUC No. 2:

Sheet No. 5-4.1, revision 4	Sheet No. 5-33, revision 1
Sheet No. 5-8, revision 5	Sheet No. 5-54, revision 6
Sheet No. 5-12, revision 5	Sheet No. 6-24, revision 3
Sheet No. 5-19, revision 6	Sheet No. 7-11, revision 4
Sheet No. 5-26, revision 6	Sheet No. 7-20, revision 4
Sheet No. 5-27, revision 1	

Redlined and clean versions of the proposed tariff sheets have been provided as Attachment A.

B. Annual True-Up and Annual Automatic Adjustment Filings

We agree to the Department’s recommendation to “file a review and analysis of unauthorized gas consumption by interruptible customers during the preceding heating season” in our annual AAA filing beginning with the September 1, 2014 filing. We are optimistic that the proposed changes in our tariff will lead to customers using very little unauthorized natural gas in the future.

C. Policies and Procedures Regarding Disconnection

The Department requested that the Company provide in these Reply Comments a discussion of the written policy/procedure regarding the disconnection of service for unauthorized gas consumption. We currently do not have our policy/procedure in a written form. We believe that in the past 20 years we have only disconnected a customer for this reason once; that disconnection occurred in 1996. We have begun examining the issue and, if the Commission orders, we will make a compliance filing, within 30 days of the Commission’s Order in this docket, showing a draft of policies and procedures for the disconnection of service for unauthorized gas consumption. During our examination, we will consider whether a tariff sheet is appropriate for this event.

CONCLUSION

We appreciate the Department’s review of our Petition. We respectfully request that the Commission approve our Petition for Approval of Modifications to the Interruptible Service Tariffs, as modified by this Reply.

Dated: August 14, 2014

Northern States Power Company

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MINNESOTA GAS RATE BOOK - MPUC NO. 2

COMMERCIAL DEMAND BILLED SERVICE (Continued)
RATE CODES: SMALL 119, LARGE 103

Section No. 5
~~3rd~~^{4th} Revised Sheet No. 4.1

DEMAND CHARGE ADJUSTMENT FOR CURTAILMENT

During any billing period, if gas is not available to the customer due to curtailment of gas supply by Company, the monthly demand charge shall be reduced in proportion to the amount of curtailment during such billing period.

ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF GAS DURING SERVICE CURTAILMENT, INTERRUPTION, OR RESTRICTION

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TERM OF AGREEMENT

Unless otherwise agreed, Commercial Demand Billed service shall be for a period of 12 months once billing demand is established, with a 12-month notice of termination.

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LARGE FIRM TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (Continued)
RATE CODE 104

Section No. 5
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MONTHLY UNDERTAKE / OVERTAKE CHARGE (Continued)

All conditions of the monthly cashout mechanism apply unless customer and Company agree otherwise. However, Company will treat similarly situated customers on a non-discriminatory basis.

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INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE (Continued)
RATE CODES: SMALL 105 & 111, MEDIUM 106, LARGE 120

Section No. 5
~~4th~~^{5th} Revised Sheet No. 12

The following are additional terms and conditions for service under this tariff.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

Any unpaid balance over \$10.00 is subject to a 1.5% late payment charge or \$1.00, whichever is greater, after the date due. The charge may be assessed as provided for in the General Rules and Regulations in Section 6.

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INTERRUPTIBLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (Continued)
RATE CODES: SMALL 123, MEDIUM 107, LARGE 124

Section No. 5
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ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF GAS DURING SERVICE CURTAILMENT, INTERRUPTION, OR RESTRICTION

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CURTAILMENT CONDITIONS

On days when customer has gas available for delivery at the town border station, curtailment may result from capacity limitations on the Company's distribution system or other operational considerations.

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NEGOTIATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (Continued)
RATE CODE 114

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MONTHLY UNDERTAKE / OVERTAKE CHARGE

Customer using less gas than the volume customer nominated and delivered to the Company system on the customer's behalf agrees to sell the undertake gas to Company at the applicable undertake rate. Customer using more gas than the volume customer nominated and delivered to the Company system on the customer's behalf agrees to purchase the overtake at the applicable overtake rate. The Monthly Index Price (MIP) shall equal the arithmetic average of all "Weekly Weighted Average Price" values published by the Gas Daily during the month for gas delivered to NNG's Ventura point. The Interruptible Transportation Commodity (ITC) and Firm Transportation Commodity (FTC) shall equal the applicable pipeline Interruptible and Firm Transportation Commodity rates, respectively, and all applicable pipeline charges including, but not limited to: fuel rates and surcharges.

Imbalance Level	Overtake Charge	Undertake Charge
0% - 3%	MIP * 1.00 + ITC	MIP * 1.00 + FTC
>3% - 5%	MIP * 1.02 + ITC	MIP * 1.02 + FTC
>5% - 10%	MIP * 1.10 + ITC	MIP * 1.10 + FTC
>10% - 15%	MIP * 1.20 + ITC	MIP * 1.20 + FTC
>15% - 20%	MIP * 1.30 + ITC	MIP * 1.30 + FTC
>20%	MIP * 1.40 + ITC	MIP * 1.40 + FTC

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**NEGOTIATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (Continued)
RATE CODE 114**

Section No. 5
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**ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF GAS DURING SERVICE CURTAILMENT,
INTERRUPTION, OR RESTRICTION (Continued)**

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COMPANY OBLIGATION TO SERVE

Upon termination of this service Company's obligation to provide service under any other rate schedule shall be consistent with the obligation to serve other new customers. Rules and regulation defining Company obligation are set out in Section 6 of this rate book.

RECEIPT GAS QUALITY

The gas to be delivered to Company by customer shall be of merchantable quality and shall meet the minimum quality standards established by the interstate pipeline company serving the community in which customer is located. Company may refuse to accept delivery of gas which does not meet this quality standard.

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**SMALL VOLUME FLEX INTERRUPTIBLE TRANSPORTATION
OF CUSTOMER OWNED GAS (CLOSED) (Continued)
RATE CODE 157**

Section No. 5
~~Original~~1st Revised Sheet No. 33

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LIMITED FIRM SERVICE (Continued)

Section No. 5
~~5th~~^{6th} Revised Sheet No. 54

DISTRIBUTION CHARGE

All usage shall be assessed the distribution charge per Therm from Customer's applicable interruptible rate.

Availability Charge. As specified in the Limited Firm Service Agreement between customer and Company.

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SECTION 6 CURTAILMENT OR INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE

6.1 REFUSAL OR DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

With notice, the Company may refuse or discontinue service in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Rules 7820.1000 through 7820.3000 and as described in Section 9. Any inconsistency between these tariff provisions and the rule provisions shall be resolved by applying the rule provisions for any of the following reasons: (1) failure to pay amounts payable when due, when the amount outstanding equals or exceeds the amount of the customer's deposit; (2) failure to meet the Company's deposit or credit requirements; (3) breach of contract for service; (4) failure to provide Company with reasonable access to its property or equipment; (5) failure to make proper application for service; (6) failure to comply with any of the Company's rules on file with the Public Utilities Commission; (7) if the customer has failed to furnish service equipment, and/or rights-of-way necessary to serve the customer as specified by the Company as a condition of service; (8) when necessary to comply with any order or request of any governmental authority having jurisdiction; and (9) when determined by the Public Utilities Commission as prescribed by relevant state or other applicable standards.

Upon such notice as is reasonable under the circumstances, the Company may temporarily discontinue gas service when necessary to make repairs, replacements, or changes in the Company's equipment or facilities.

Without notice, the Company may disconnect gas service to any customer: (1) for unauthorized use or if the customer has tampered with the Company's equipment; or (2) in the event a condition appears to be hazardous to the customer, to other customers, to the Company's equipment, or to the public. Any discontinuance of gas service will not relieve the customer from customer's obligations to the Company.

6.2 CURTAILMENT OF COMPANY'S RETAIL SUPPLY

The Company may curtail the supply of gas under its retail rate schedule in accordance with the provisions of this section. If a firm customer fails to curtail his use of gas when requested to do so by the Company, customer shall pay to the Company, in addition to the regular rate applicable to the class of service rendered, the amount which equals any payment the Company is required to make to its suppliers, transporters, or for peak shaving costs as a result of such failure to curtail. If an interruptible customer fails to curtail customers use of gas when requested to do so by the Company, customer shall pay to the Company, in addition to the regular rate applicable to the class of service rendered, the amount specified in the "Additional Charge for Use of Gas During Curtailment" provision of the applicable rate schedule. The payment of a penalty shall not, under any circumstances, be considered as giving the customer the right to take unauthorized gas. Nor shall such payment be considered to exclude or limit any other remedies available to the Company, including, but not limited to, Such payments, however, shall not preclude the Company from shutting off the customer's supply of gas in the event of customer's failure to curtail customer use thereof when requested by the Company to do so.

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**INTERRUPTIBLE GAS SERVICE AGREEMENT
(Continued)**

Section No. 7
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3.0 **RATE AND CHARGES.** All rates and charges applicable to Customer shall be assessed in conformity with the General Rules and Regulations and/or the Rate Schedule of Xcel Energy's Gas Rate Book for Customer's specific service, as they now exist or may hereafter be changed, on file with the state regulatory commission in the state where Customer receives service. For purposes of this agreement, the Customer agrees to take service pursuant to Xcel Energy's Interruptible Service Rate Schedule (if service is provided to Customer in Minnesota) or Large Interruptible Service Rate Schedule (if service is provided to Customer in North Dakota), attached hereto.

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4.0 **CURTAILMENT PRIORITY CATEGORY.** Company shall place Customer in priority category _____. It is understood and agreed that this classification shall be subject to revision based on actual experience of operation or modification to the priority of service categories of Company or Company's interstate pipeline suppliers.

If Customer fails to curtail use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by Company, Customer agrees to pay to Company the amount specified in the rate schedule provision "Additional Charge for Unauthorized Use of Gas During Service Curtailment, Interruption or Restriction" (if Customer service is provided in Minnesota) or "Additional Charge for Use of Gas During Curtailment" (if Customer service is provided in North Dakota) then in effect. The payment of a penalty shall not, under any circumstances, be considered as giving the customer the right to take unauthorized gas. Nor shall such payment be considered to exclude or limit any other remedies available to the Company, including, but not limited to, such payments, however, shall not preclude Company from shutting off Customer's supply of gas in the event of failure to curtail use thereof when requested by Company.

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5.0 **PAYMENT OF BILLS.** All bills are due and payable upon presentation. Late payment charges may apply under the terms of Company's General Rules and Regulations in effect from time to time.

6.0 **TERMS AND CONDITIONS.** The service hereunder shall be supplied for Customer's use subject to the General Rules and Regulations of Company on file with the state regulatory commission in the state where Customer receives service, as they now exist or may hereafter be changed. A copy of such rules and regulations is available from the Company upon request. Customer agrees to use gas service only as herein stated and will not assign this Agreement except upon written consent of Company.

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6.1 **METERING, CHARTS.** Recording charts have been replaced by telemetering devices to reduce costs in order to efficiently collect daily meter reading data. In the event of telemetering failure, Customer shall take meter readings on a daily basis at a time specified by Company and shall promptly forward such readings to Company.

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**INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT
(Continued)**

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2.8 **BALANCING.** Customer and Company agree to balance daily and monthly delivery point nominations with actual deliveries (as defined in Paragraph 3.2) on an ongoing basis. Customer agrees to exert its best efforts to keep daily deliveries within five (5) percent of daily nomination and to keep monthly nominations equal to monthly actual deliveries. Customer or Agent shall be responsible for balancing receipt point nominations made to third party transporting pipeline(s) with receipt point deliveries made by Customer or Agent's gas supplier(s).

3.0 **RATES AND CHARGES.** All rates and charges applicable to Customer shall be addressed in conformity with the General Rules and Regulations and/or the Rate Schedule of Xcel Energy's Gas Rate Book for Customer's specific service, as they now exist or may hereafter be changed, on file with the state regulatory commission in the state where the service is provided. For purposes of this Agreement, the Customer agrees to take service pursuant to Xcel Energy's Large Commercial Interruptible Transportation Service Schedule (if service is provided to Customer in Minnesota) or Large Commercial Interruptible Transportation Service Schedule (if service is provided to Customer in North Dakota) is attached.

Subject to Customer meeting the requirements for "Service on the Flexible Rate" of the Interruptible Transportation Service tariff a Flexible Distribution Charge for small/medium/large Volume of \$_____ per Therm shall apply.

3.1 **TAXES.** In addition to the rates specified above, Xcel Energy shall collect any sales, use, excise, or other such taxes and city fees that are legally effective and applicable to the service provided hereunder.

3.2 **PENALTY PROVISION.** Customer shall be liable under the penalty provisions established in Company's Interruptible Transportation Service Schedule (if service is provided to Customer in Minnesota) or its Large Commercial Interruptible Transportation Service Schedule (if service is provided to Customer in North Dakota).

3.3 **ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR USE DURING CURTAILMENT, INTERRUPTION OR RESTRICTION.** If Customer fails to curtail, interrupt or otherwise restrict use of gas hereunder when requested by Company, Customer agrees to pay to Company the amount specified in the "Additional Charge for Use of Unauthorized Use of Gas During Service Curtailment, Interruption or Restriction" provision of the Interruptible Transportation Service rate schedule then in effect. The payment of a penalty shall not, under any circumstances, be considered as giving the customer the right to take unauthorized gas. Nor shall such payment be considered to exclude or limit any other remedies available to the Company, including, but not limited to, Such payments, however, shall not preclude Company from shutting off Customer's gas supply in the event of Customer's failure to curtail gas use thereof when requested by Company to do so.

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COMMERCIAL DEMAND BILLED SERVICE (Continued)
RATE CODES: SMALL 119, LARGE 103

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DEMAND CHARGE ADJUSTMENT FOR CURTAILMENT

During any billing period, if gas is not available to the customer due to curtailment of gas supply by Company, the monthly demand charge shall be reduced in proportion to the amount of curtailment during such billing period.

ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF GAS DURING SERVICE CURTAILMENT, INTERRUPTION, OR RESTRICTION

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TERM OF AGREEMENT

Unless otherwise agreed, Commercial Demand Billed service shall be for a period of 12 months once billing demand is established, with a 12-month notice of termination.

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LARGE FIRM TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (Continued)
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MONTHLY UNDERTAKE / OVERTAKE CHARGE (Continued)

All conditions of the monthly cashout mechanism apply unless customer and Company agree otherwise. However, Company will treat similarly situated customers on a non-discriminatory basis.

ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF GAS DURING SERVICE CURTAILMENT, INTERRUPTION, OR RESTRICTION

If customer fails to curtail, interrupt, or otherwise restrict (partially or totally) use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by Company due to interruption of customer's gas supply upstream from Company's distribution system, customer shall pay, in addition to the appropriate above rates, the higher of (i) \$5.00 per Therm, or (ii) an amount equal to any incremental cost incurred by the Company that results from a failure to curtail or interrupt.

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INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE (Continued)
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The following are additional terms and conditions for service under this tariff.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

Any unpaid balance over \$10.00 is subject to a 1.5% late payment charge or \$1.00, whichever is greater, after the date due. The charge may be assessed as provided for in the General Rules and Regulations in Section 6.

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RATE CODES: SMALL 123, MEDIUM 107, LARGE 124

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ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF GAS DURING SERVICE CURTAILMENT, INTERRUPTION, OR RESTRICTION

If customer fails to curtail, interrupt, or otherwise restrict (partially or totally) use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by Company, due to interruption of customer's gas supply upstream from Company's distribution system, customer shall pay, in addition to the appropriate above rates, the higher of (i) \$5.00 per Therm, or (ii) an amount equal to any incremental cost incurred by the Company that results from a failure to curtail or interrupt.

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CURTAILMENT CONDITIONS

On days when customer has gas available for delivery at the town border station, curtailment may result from capacity limitations on the Company's distribution system or other operational considerations.

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RATE CODE 114

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MONTHLY UNDERTAKE / OVERTAKE CHARGE

Customer using less gas than the volume customer nominated and delivered to the Company system on the customer's behalf agrees to sell the undertake gas to Company at the applicable undertake rate. Customer using more gas than the volume customer nominated and delivered to the Company system on the customer's behalf agrees to purchase the overtake at the applicable overtake rate. The Monthly Index Price (MIP) shall equal the arithmetic average of all "Weekly Weighted Average Price" values published by the Gas Daily during the month for gas delivered to NNG's Ventura point. The Interruptible Transportation Commodity (ITC) and Firm Transportation Commodity (FTC) shall equal the applicable pipeline Interruptible and Firm Transportation Commodity rates, respectively, and all applicable pipeline charges including, but not limited to: fuel rates and surcharges.

Imbalance Level	Overtake Charge	Undertake Charge
0% - 3%	MIP * 1.00 + ITC	MIP * 1.00 + FTC
>3% - 5%	MIP * 1.02 + ITC	MIP * 1.02 + FTC
>5% - 10%	MIP * 1.10 + ITC	MIP * 1.10 + FTC
>10% - 15%	MIP * 1.20 + ITC	MIP * 1.20 + FTC
>15% - 20%	MIP * 1.30 + ITC	MIP * 1.30 + FTC
>20%	MIP * 1.40 + ITC	MIP * 1.40 + FTC

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**ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF GAS DURING SERVICE CURTAILMENT,
INTERRUPTION, OR RESTRICTION (Continued)**

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COMPANY OBLIGATION TO SERVE

Upon termination of this service Company's obligation to provide service under any other rate schedule shall be consistent with the obligation to serve other new customers. Rules and regulation defining Company obligation are set out in Section 6 of this rate book.

RECEIPT GAS QUALITY

The gas to be delivered to Company by customer shall be of merchantable quality and shall meet the minimum quality standards established by the interstate pipeline company serving the community in which customer is located. Company may refuse to accept delivery of gas which does not meet this quality standard.

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**SMALL VOLUME FLEX INTERRUPTIBLE TRANSPORTATION
OF CUSTOMER OWNED GAS (CLOSED) (Continued)
RATE CODE 157**

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**ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF GAS DURING SERVICE CURTAILMENT,
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LIMITED FIRM SERVICE (Continued)

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DISTRIBUTION CHARGE

All usage shall be assessed the distribution charge per Therm from Customer's applicable interruptible rate.

Availability Charge. As specified in the Limited Firm Service Agreement between customer and Company.

ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF GAS DURING SERVICE CURTAILMENT, INTERRUPTION, OR RESTRICTION

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

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SECTION 6 CURTAILMENT OR INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE

6.1 REFUSAL OR DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

With notice, the Company may refuse or discontinue service in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Rules 7820.1000 through 7820.3000 and as described in Section 9. Any inconsistency between these tariff provisions and the rule provisions shall be resolved by applying the rule provisions for any of the following reasons: (1) failure to pay amounts payable when due, when the amount outstanding equals or exceeds the amount of the customer's deposit; (2) failure to meet the Company's deposit or credit requirements; (3) breach of contract for service; (4) failure to provide Company with reasonable access to its property or equipment; (5) failure to make proper application for service; (6) failure to comply with any of the Company's rules on file with the Public Utilities Commission; (7) if the customer has failed to furnish service equipment, and/or rights-of-way necessary to serve the customer as specified by the Company as a condition of service; (8) when necessary to comply with any order or request of any governmental authority having jurisdiction; and (9) when determined by the Public Utilities Commission as prescribed by relevant state or other applicable standards.

Upon such notice as is reasonable under the circumstances, the Company may temporarily discontinue gas service when necessary to make repairs, replacements, or changes in the Company's equipment or facilities.

Without notice, the Company may disconnect gas service to any customer: (1) for unauthorized use or if the customer has tampered with the Company's equipment; or (2) in the event a condition appears to be hazardous to the customer, to other customers, to the Company's equipment, or to the public. Any discontinuance of gas service will not relieve the customer from customer's obligations to the Company.

6.2 CURTAILMENT OF COMPANY'S RETAIL SUPPLY

The Company may curtail the supply of gas under its retail rate schedule in accordance with the provisions of this section. If a firm customer fails to curtail his use of gas when requested to do so by the Company, customer shall pay to the Company, in addition to the regular rate applicable to the class of service rendered, the amount which equals any payment the Company is required to make to its suppliers, transporters, or for peak shaving costs as a result of such failure to curtail. If an interruptible customer fails to curtail customers use of gas when requested to do so by the Company, customer shall pay to the Company, in addition to the regular rate applicable to the class of service rendered, the amount specified in the "Additional Charge for Use of Gas During Curtailment" provision of the applicable rate schedule. The payment of a penalty shall not, under any circumstances, be considered as giving the customer the right to take unauthorized gas. Nor shall such payment be considered to exclude or limit any other remedies available to the Company, including, but not limited to, shutting off the customer's supply of gas in the event of customer's failure to curtail customer use thereof when requested by the Company to do so.

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3.0 **RATE AND CHARGES.** All rates and charges applicable to Customer shall be assessed in conformity with the General Rules and Regulations and/or the Rate Schedule of Xcel Energy's Gas Rate Book for Customer's specific service, as they now exist or may hereafter be changed, on file with the state regulatory commission in the state where Customer receives service. For purposes of this agreement, the Customer agrees to take service pursuant to Xcel Energy's Interruptible Service Rate Schedule (if service is provided to Customer in Minnesota) or Large Interruptible Service Rate Schedule (if service is provided to Customer in North Dakota), attached hereto.

4.0 **CURTAILMENT PRIORITY CATEGORY.** Company shall place Customer in priority category _____. It is understood and agreed that this classification shall be subject to revision based on actual experience of operation or modification to the priority of service categories of Company or Company's interstate pipeline suppliers.

If Customer fails to curtail use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by Company, Customer agrees to pay to Company the amount specified in the rate schedule provision "Additional Charge for Unauthorized Use of Gas During Service Curtailment, Interruption or Restriction" (if Customer service is provided in Minnesota) or "Additional Charge for Use of Gas During Curtailment" (if Customer service is provided in North Dakota) then in effect. The payment of a penalty shall not, under any circumstances, be considered as giving the customer the right to take unauthorized gas. Nor shall such payment be considered to exclude or limit any other remedies available to the Company, including, but not limited to, shutting off Customer's supply of gas in the event of failure to curtail use thereof when requested by Company.

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5.0 **PAYMENT OF BILLS.** All bills are due and payable upon presentation. Late payment charges may apply under the terms of Company's General Rules and Regulations in effect from time to time.

6.0 **TERMS AND CONDITIONS.** The service hereunder shall be supplied for Customer's use subject to the General Rules and Regulations of Company on file with the state regulatory commission in the state where Customer receives service, as they now exist or may hereafter be changed. A copy of such rules and regulations is available from the Company upon request. Customer agrees to use gas service only as herein stated and will not assign this Agreement except upon written consent of Company.

6.1 **METERING, CHARTS.** Recording charts have been replaced by telemetering devices to reduce costs in order to efficiently collect daily meter reading data. In the event of telemetering failure, Customer shall take meter readings on a daily basis at a time specified by Company and shall promptly forward such readings to Company.

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2.8 **BALANCING.** Customer and Company agree to balance daily and monthly delivery point nominations with actual deliveries (as defined in Paragraph 3.2) on an ongoing basis. Customer agrees to exert its best efforts to keep daily deliveries within five (5) percent of daily nomination and to keep monthly nominations equal to monthly actual deliveries. Customer or Agent shall be responsible for balancing receipt point nominations made to third party transporting pipeline(s) with receipt point deliveries made by Customer or Agent's gas supplier(s).

3.0 **RATES AND CHARGES.** All rates and charges applicable to Customer shall be addressed in conformity with the General Rules and Regulations and/or the Rate Schedule of Xcel Energy's Gas Rate Book for Customer's specific service, as they now exist or may hereafter be changed, on file with the state regulatory commission in the state where the service is provided. For purposes of this Agreement, the Customer agrees to take service pursuant to Xcel Energy's Large Commercial Interruptible Transportation Service Schedule (if service is provided to Customer in Minnesota) or Large Commercial Interruptible Transportation Service Schedule (if service is provided to Customer in North Dakota) is attached.

Subject to Customer meeting the requirements for "Service on the Flexible Rate" of the Interruptible Transportation Service tariff a Flexible Distribution Charge for small/medium/large Volume of \$_____ per Therm shall apply.

3.1 **TAXES.** In addition to the rates specified above, Xcel Energy shall collect any sales, use, excise, or other such taxes and city fees that are legally effective and applicable to the service provided hereunder.

3.2 **PENALTY PROVISION.** Customer shall be liable under the penalty provisions established in Company's Interruptible Transportation Service Schedule (if service is provided to Customer in Minnesota) or its Large Commercial Interruptible Transportation Service Schedule (if service is provided to Customer in North Dakota).

3.3 **ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR USE DURING CURTAILMENT, INTERRUPTION OR RESTRICTION.**
If Customer fails to curtail, interrupt or otherwise restrict use of gas hereunder when requested by Company, Customer agrees to pay to Company the amount specified in the "Additional Charge for Use of Unauthorized Use of Gas During Service Curtailment, Interruption or Restriction" provision of the Interruptible Transportation Service rate schedule then in effect. The payment of a penalty shall not, under any circumstances, be considered as giving the customer the right to take unauthorized gas. Nor shall such payment be considered to exclude or limit any other remedies available to the Company, including, but not limited to, shutting off Customer's gas supply in the event of Customer's failure to curtail gas use thereof when requested by Company to do so.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

xx 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 14th day of August 2014

/s/

Theresa Sarafolean

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