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Andrew Levi
Minnesota Department of Commerce
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**Re: In the Matter of the Certificate of Need and Route Permit Applications for the Minnesota Energy Connection Project in Sherburne, Stearns, Kandiyohi, Wright, Meeker, Chippewa, Yellow Medicine, Renville, Redwood, and Lyon counties in Minnesota
MPUC Docket Nos. E002/CN-22-131 and TL-22-132**

Dear Mr. Levi,

Pursuant to Minn. R. 7850.2500, subp. 3, Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy (or, Applicant), respectfully submits this response to April 17, 2024, comments and recommendations submitted by Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (DOC-EERA) regarding the scope of the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Minnesota Energy Connection Project. The Applicant appreciates DOC-EERA's thorough analysis and does not object to the scope of the EIS identified in DOC-EERA's comments and recommendations.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this filing. These comments have been e-filed through www.edocket.state.mn.us. A copy of this filing is also being served upon the persons on the Official Service List of record.

Sincerely,

/s/ Matthew Langan

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Breann L. Jurek certifies that on the 23rd day of April 2024, she e-filed on behalf of Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, a true and correct copy of the following documents:

1. Responses regarding Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis' Scoping Comments; and
2. Certificate of Service.

with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission via eDockets (www.edockets.state.mn.us). Said documents were also served on the Official Service Lists of record on file with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and as attached hereto.

Executed on: April 23, 2024

Signed: /s/ Breann L. Jurek

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