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—Via Electronic Filing—

Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

RE: SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY COMMENTS
SITE PERMIT AMENDMENT
BLAZING STAR 2 WIND ENERGY PROJECT
DOCKET NO. IP-6985/WS-17-700

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, respectfully submits these Supplemental Reply Comments to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in the above-referenced docket to summarize the permit amendment request record to-date.

The Company has made three primary filings related to its Request for Amendment to the Blazing Star 2 Wind Energy Project Site Permit:

- (1) Site Permit Amendment Application (June 19, 2019)¹
- (2) Reply comments (August 20, 2019)²
- (3) Responses to Staff Information Requests Nos. 1-6 (September 18, 2019)³

In our responses to Staff Information Requests No.1 and No.3, the Company addresses two recommended changes that arose during the initial and reply comment periods: shifting the location of turbine T-101 by 630 feet, and refining the project boundary. The Company indicated in its responses that it would file a supplement to the June 2019 Amendment Application with both of these changes reflected on a map.

¹ eDockets IDs 20196-153686-01 through -05

² eDockets IDs 20198-155334-01 through -05

³ eDockets IDs 20199-155913-01 through -06

The attached map shows the final project layout and boundary the Company is requesting for the Site Permit Amendment. Importantly, no new landowners are affected by the turbine location shift nor the project boundary reduction. The layout and boundary comply with all permit conditions and state standards⁴, and all environmental information has been updated on the record in the three primary filings made by the Company.

The text within Section 3.1 of the existing Site Permit continues to be accurate as written and no change to the text is requested. However, we ask that the official site map – listed as Attachment B in the existing permit – be changed to the map attached to this letter reflecting the V-110/V-120 turbine layout and updated project boundary.

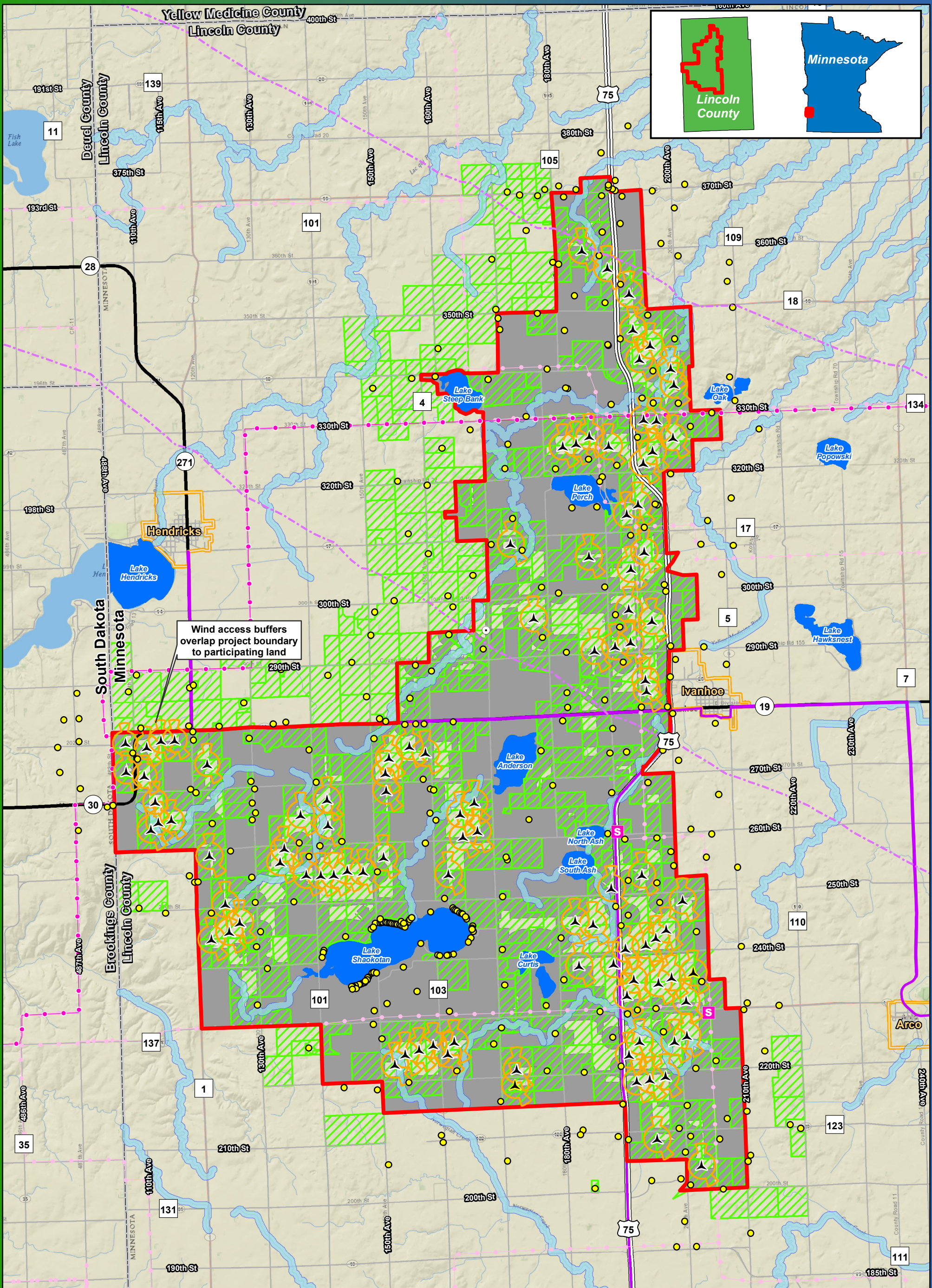
Sincerely,

/s/

BRIA E. SHEA
DIRECTOR, REGULATORY AND STRATEGIC ANALYSIS

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Encl.

⁴ eDockets ID 20199-155913-03



Wind access buffers overlap project boundary to participating land

Figure 3
Turbine Layout and Constraints
Vestas V110/V120

Blazing Star Wind Farm 2
Lincoln County, MN

44.460125, -96.336861

- ▲ Preliminary Turbine Location
- ▲ Alternate Turbine Location
- ADLS Tower
- Residential Structures within 1 Mile (excluding cities of Hendricks and Ivanhoe)
- Project Area Boundary (Sept 2019)
- 3x5 Wind Access Buffer
- Setbacks
- Shoreland Management District
- Participants within 1 Mile
- Existing Substation
- Existing Transmission Line
- MVP 345kV Transmission Line
- Existing Pipeline
- Snowmobile Trail

* Turbines are not to scale



0 0.75 1.5 3
 Miles

Imagery Source: National Geographic World Map
 Data Source: Geronimo Energy, MN DNR, Census, Lincoln Co.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Paget Pengelly, 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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Docket No. IP-6985/TL-17-701

Dated this 8th day of October 2019

/s/

Paget Pengelly
Regulatory Administrator

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