

September 17, 2015

Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
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RE: Response Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce,
Division of Energy Resources
Docket No. E002/M-15-324

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On April 1, 2015, Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel or the Company) filed its *Electric Annual Service Quality Performance Report* (Report).

In its June 30, 2015 comments, the Division of Energy Resources of the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) recommended that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) accept the Report pending the submission of additional information and set Xcel's reliability goals for 2015 as provided in the table (Table) at page 23 of the Department's comments.

The Department apologizes for an inadvertently included number on the second row of the Table. There is only one number that is relevant to Metro East's SAIDI 2015 goal, 83.51. The number below the recommended 2015 goal, 0.88, should not have appeared in the Table.¹

On July 13, 2015, Xcel completed the record as requested by the Department.

The Department appreciates Xcel's intention to maintain safe, reliable service for its customers and continued commitment to improve SAIDI, SAIFI, and CAIDI performance no matter which reliability metrics are approved by the Commission for 2015.²

Based on its review, the Department continues to recommend that the Commission accept the Report and set Xcel's reliability goals for 2015 as provided in the following table:

¹ Another typo occurred in Table 2 at page 5 of the Department's comments. There is only one number that is relevant to Metro East's SAIFI 2014 performance, 0.86. The number below, 2, should not have appeared in Table 2.

² Source: Xcel's July 13, 2015 Reply Comments at 4.

		Department Recommended 2015 Goals
Metro East	SAIDI	83.51
	SAIFI	0.91
	CAIDI	92.17
Metro West	SAIDI	97.13
	SAIFI	0.96
	CAIDI	100.75
Northwest	SAIDI	94.41
	SAIFI	0.84
	CAIDI	112.00
Southeast	SAIDI	86.31
	SAIFI	0.71
	CAIDI	121.42

The Department is available to answer any questions that the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

/s/ SAMIR OUANES
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sharon Ferguson, hereby certify that I have this day, served copies of the following document on the attached list of persons by electronic filing, certified mail, e-mail, or by depositing a true and correct copy thereof properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Minnesota Department of Commerce
Response Comments**

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Dated this 17th day of September 2015

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