

April 28, 2023

Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147

RE: **Reply Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources**
Docket No. E002/M-20-86

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Below are the Reply Comments of the Minnesota Commerce Department, Division of Energy Resources (Department), in the following matter:

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of a General Time-Of-Use Service Tariff Compliance Filing.

The Department's Initial Comments included its concerns and analysis, and provided opportunity to make a final recommendation after reviewing comments of other parties. However, no other stakeholder filed comments. Thus, the Department does not find it necessary to repeat its analysis from its Initial Comments. While the Department anticipates Xcel will provide information in Reply Comments, the Department does not believe the expected information will make a material impact to pilot implementation.

Therefore, the Department recommends that the Commission: 1) find that Xcel's compliance filing satisfies the requirements of the Commission's February 1, 2023 Order, 2) approve the Company's proposal to extend bill protections to public transit charging providers through the duration of the pilot, and 3) approve the proposed tariff modifications without requiring further comment before going into effect. The Department is available to answer any questions that the Commission may have in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ CHRIS WATKINS
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