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—Via Electronic Filing—

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

RE: REPLY COMMENTS
CHANGES IN CONTRACT DEMAND ENTITLEMENTS
DOCKET NO. G002/M-17-586

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits this brief Reply in response to the February 28, 2018 Comments from the Minnesota Department of Commerce in the above-referenced Docket.

We appreciate the Department's review of our Petition and recommendation that the Commission approve our proposed level of demand entitlements as amended by our Supplemental Filing and to allow us to recover the associated demand costs through the monthly Purchased Gas Adjustment effective November 1, 2017.

The Department requests that in future demand entitlement filings, we check the regression models for autocorrelation and correct the model if autocorrelation is present. We agree to check for autocorrelation and take the appropriate actions.

We have electronically filed this document with the Commission, and copies have been served on the parties on the attached service list.

Please contact me at (612) 330-7681 or lisa.r.peterson@xcelenergy.com or Jennifer Roesler at (612) 330-1925 or jennifer.roesler@xcelenergy.com if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosures
c: Service List