



January 10, 2020

—Via Electronic Filing—

Ryan Barlow Acting Executive Secretary Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 7th Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: REPLY COMMENTS

PETITION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH LIBERTY PAPER, INC. AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTING AND RATE TREATMENT DOCKET NO. E002/M-19-663

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission these Reply Comments pursuant to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's November 26, 2019 NOTICE OF EXTENDED COMMENT PERIOD in the above-noted docket.

We appreciate the review of our filing by the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department) and their recommendation in their November 25, 2019 comments that our petition be approved. We believe the Department's additional recommendations for future reporting and discussions of the operations and costs of the agreement with Liberty Paper, Inc are reasonable, and we agree to provide the recommended information in the future.

We have electronically filed this document with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, and copies have been served on the parties on the attached service list. Please contact me at <u>allen.krug@xcelenergy.com</u> or at (612) 330-6270 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/

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ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT OF STATE REGULATORY POLICY

Enclosures c: Service List