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STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**NOTICE FOR COMMENTS ON XCEL'S PRELIMINARY COMPLIANCE
FILING OF CLASS COST OF SERVICE STUDY AND CLASS REVENUE
APPORTIONMENT SCHEDULES**

Issued: May 15, 2015

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in the State of Minnesota

PUC Docket Number: E-002/GR-13-868

Comment Period: Comment period closes **May 28, 2015** at 4:30 pm

Comments must be received by 4:30 pm on the close date

Topic Open for Comment:

- Xcel's May 1, 2015 Preliminary Compliance Filing of Class Cost of Service Study (CCOSS) and Class Revenue Apportionment Schedules

Project Background: On May 1, 2015, Xcel submitted its preliminary compliance filing of class cost of service study and class revenue apportionment schedules.

On May 8, 2015, the Commission issued its *Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order*. In ordering paragraphs 35, 36 and 48 the Commission authorized the following:

35. Xcel shall modify its 2014 and 2015 class-cost-of-service studies to classify the costs of the Grand Meadow and Nobles wind farms on the same basis as its other fixed production-plant costs using the plant-stratification method.
36. Xcel shall modify its 2014 and 2015 class-cost-of-service studies to use the location method rather than the predominant-nature method to allocate other production O&M costs.
48. The Company shall rerun the CCOSS in accordance with all Commission decisions in this docket and the Monticello docket that affect the CCOSS,

and set the class revenue apportionment by applying the following methodology to the revised CCOSS:

- a. Maintain the current level of Lighting class revenues;
- b. Set the C&I Non-Demand class apportionment at the cost-based level;
- c. If the revised CCOSS shows that the Residential class is currently contributing more than its share of cost, set the Residential class apportionment at the cost based level;
- d. If the revised CCOSS shows the Residential class is currently contributing less than its share of cost, move the Residential class 75% closer to cost; and
- e. Recover the remaining revenue requirement from the C&I Demand class.

Parties shall have until May 28 (20 days from the date of the Commission's Order) to comment on Xcel's May 1 preliminary class cost of service study and class revenue apportionment schedules.

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