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—VIA ELECTRONIC FILING—

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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
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RE: REPLY COMMENTS
RENEWAL OF VARIANCES TO THE FUEL CLAUSE ADJUSTMENT RULES
DOCKET NO. E002/M-14-364

Dear Dr. Haar:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy has reviewed the May 30, 2014 Comments of the Department of Commerce – Division of Energy Resources (the “Department”) in this proceeding and provides this brief Reply.

We appreciate the Department’s thorough review of our Request to Renew Variances to the FCA and recommendation that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission approve our FCA variances filing. We agree with the following requirements for our next forecasted FCA compliance report as recommended by Department:

- Continue to comply with all requirements of the July 16, 2008 Commission Order in Docket No. E002/M-08-451;
- Provide a comparison of the monthly and annual true-up methods in terms of their accuracy over the reporting period;
- Provide a comparison of the monthly and annual true-up methods in terms of impact on large interruptible customers over the reporting period;

As the Department indicated, the FCA design is among topics being examined by the stakeholders in Docket No. E999/AA-12-757. We agree any Commission action enacting a new or revised FCA mechanism would need to appropriately consider all aspects of the FCA operations.

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Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216.17, subd. 3, we have electronically filed this document, and copies have been served on the parties on the attached service list.

Please contact Rebecca Eilers at rebecca.d.eilers@xcelenergy.com or 612-330-5570 or me at paul.lehman@xcelenergy.com or 612-330-7529 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

SINCERELY,

/s/

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I, Theresa Sarafolean, hereby certify that I have this day served copies of the foregoing document on the attached list of persons.

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Dated this 9th day of June 2014

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