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Daniel P. Wolf
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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
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RE: REPLY COMMENTS
GAS AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT
DOCKET NO. G002/M-17-253

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, has reviewed the June 26, 2016 Comments of the Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources in this proceeding and provides this brief Reply.

We appreciate the Department's thorough review of our Gas Affordability Program (GAP) Annual Report and its recommendation that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission approve our 2016 report contingent upon providing additional information. We provide that additional information below.

The Department requested we provide the effect of the GAP on the number of customers in arrears or identify how the annual reports comply with this reporting requirement. Below we complete Table 8 found on page 8 of the Department's Comments with the change between the number of customers in arrears at the end of the 2016 program year (September 30, 2016) and the end of the 2015 program year (September 30, 2015).

Table 8: Effect on Number of Customers in Arrears in 2016

Customer Group	# of Customers in Arrears 2016	# of Customers in Arrears 2015	Change in # of Customers in Arrears
GAP	2,801	2,645	+6%
Non-GAP LIHEAP	4,434	3,676	+21%
Residential	27,600	21,122	+31%

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The Department also noted that in future annual reports it would be helpful for the Company to provide more information about how often we communicated with low income and conservation agencies during the year, the content of those communications, and what was accomplished in terms of coordination. We are willing to provide additional discussion in future GAP annual reports.

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 Rebecca Eilers at 612-330-5570 or rebecca.d.eilers@xcelenergy.com if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosures
c: Service List

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

xx by depositing a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Dated this 7th day of July 2017

/s/

Lynnette Sweet

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