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

RE: REPLY COMMENTS  
2017 ANNUAL REVIEW OF REMAINING LIVES  
DOCKET NO. E,G002/D-17-581

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits this brief reply in response to the Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources' September 29, 2017 Comments in this docket.

We appreciate the Department's recommendation that the Commission approve our petition. We suggest two clarifying modifications to the recommendations on page 13 of their Comments, with our italicized additions, as follows:

- **Require** Xcel to *file an annual update of remaining lives and depreciation rates for its transmission, distribution, and general accounts by July 31, 2018, and to file a comprehensive five-year depreciation study for its transmission, distribution, and general accounts by July 31, 2022;* and
- **Require** Xcel to return the *electric utility and the electric portion of the common utility* net decrease in depreciation expense due to the change in the depreciation method to ratepayers in the 2018 capital true-up filing in Docket No. E002/GR-15-826.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide the Commission with this information. We have electronically filed this document with the Commission, and notice of the filing has been served on the parties on the attached service list. Please contact me at [lisa.h.perkett@xcelenergy.com](mailto:lisa.h.perkett@xcelenergy.com) or (612) 330-6950 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/

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## 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017

/s/

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