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Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary

## STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

### NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL COMMENT PERIOD

*Issued: November 21, 2014*

**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

**OAH Docket Number:** 68-2500-31182

**Comment Period:** Initial comment period closes **January 13, 2015** at 4:30 pm  
Reply comment period closes **January 23, 2015** at 4:30 pm

#### **Topic Open for Comment:**

- Xcel's November 13, 2014 Interim Rate Refund Proposal

**Project Background:** On November 4, 2013, Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel or the Company) filed a petition to increase its electric rates in Minnesota. The Company asked to increase Minnesota retail electric rates in 2014 by \$192,708,000, or 6.9 percent, and by an additional \$98,535,000, or 3.5 percent, in 2015; combined, these proposals would increase Xcel's Minnesota revenues by a total of \$291,243,000 per year, or approximately 10.4 percent.

On January 2, 2014, the Commission issued its ORDER SETTING INTERIM RATES which authorized an interim rate increase of approximately \$127,400,000 per year, or 4.57%, on an annualized basis, effective January 3, 2014.

On November 13, 2014, Xcel submitted its interim rate refund proposal and asked that it be allowed to calculate the interim rate refund "by taking the difference between: (1) the sum of the total revenue collected for the months that interim rates were in effect and (2) the total amount of revenue that would have been collected had final revenue requirements for 2014 and final revenue requirements for 2015 been effective over the course of the period beginning January 1, 2014 through the Commission's final determination. Since this is a two-year MYRP, this means final authorized rates will likely be different from the 2014 test year and the 2015 step year, and we will incorporate that change into our calculation starting January 1, 2015. If the interim revenues actually received exceed the final Commission approved revenue requirements for the entirety of

the time period, the difference would be refunded with interest consistent with the Interim Rate Statute, subject to any modifications the Commission may order.”

The Commission invites comment on Xcel’s interim rate refund proposal.

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