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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
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—Via Electronic Filing—

RE: REPLY COMMENTS
AMENDMENT TO POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH MORAINE WIND II, LLC
DOCKET NO. E002/M-19-58

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission this brief Reply to the Department of Commerce's February 21, 2019 Comments in the above-noted docket.

We appreciate the Department's review of our January 15, 2019 Petition and recommendation that the Commission approve our proposed amendment to the Power Purchase Agreement between the Company and Moraine Wind II, LLC extending the terms for 10 years and adjusting the pricing for wind energy generation from the 49.5 megawatt (MW) facility.

We appreciate and support the Department's recommended options but, consistent with our initial filing and our currently approved cost allocation and recovery mechanisms,¹ would add the underlined portion to their option D as follows:

D. Allow recovery of Moraine II energy costs through the appropriate Windsource Program rider, or its successor (the Renewable*Connect Program Rider), and the Fuel Clause Rider based on the allocation of such energy to each rider, respectively.

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.

¹ Docket No. E002/M-08-1487 *In the Matter of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement with Moraine Wind II, LLC*, Commission Order, April 24, 2009, allowing adjustment of Moraine II allocation to meet Windsource program needs in semi-annual compliance reports.

Please contact me at bria.e.shea@xcelenergy.com or (612) 330-6064 or Mary Martinka at mary.a.martinka@xcelenergy.com or (612) 330-6737 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/

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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 6th day of March 2019

/s/

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