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—Via Electronic Filing—

Daniel P. Wolf  
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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
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RE: COMMENTS  
ALTERNATIVE RATE DESIGN  
DOCKET NO. E002/M-15-662

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission these brief Comments in response to the Commission's April 19, 2017 Notice of Comment Period.

The Commission asks what procedural actions, if any, the Commission should take with respect to Xcel Energy's forthcoming rate design pilot. We believe any further Commission action with respect to the Company's future filing would be premature. The Company anticipates that once the Commission has the Company's proposal before it, the Commission may wish to resume its standard procedures for Notice and Comment.

The Commission may wish to close this docket in favor of initiating a new docket when the Company's proposal is made. In the alternate, if the Commission wishes to keep the present docket open for the purpose of gathering comments on other rate design topics, the Company sees no harm and would not oppose leaving the docket open. The Company anticipates the summaries of stakeholder meetings may appropriately be filed in this docket.

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 Amber Hedlund at [amber.r.hedlund@xcelenergy.com](mailto:amber.r.hedlund@xcelenergy.com) or (612) 337-2268 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 15th day of May 2017

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