



March 17, 2025

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Will Seuffert Executive Secretary Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 7th Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: REPLY COMMENTS

RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD RIDER

DOCKET NO. E002/M-24-353

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission this Reply to the March 5, 2025 Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department) in the above-referenced docket.

We thank the Department for their thorough review of our Petition and their recommendation that the Commission approve our 2025 Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Rider Petition.

As acknowledged in the Department's Comments, the Company included the tracker adjustments and additional items required by the February 6, 2025 Order in Docket No. E002/M-23-454 in our initial 2025 RES Rider Petition. The Department did not recommend any additional adjustments to the tracker in Comments.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, we do not believe a compliance filing to provide an updated tracker is necessary until we make our annual RES Rider filing in the fall of 2025. We discussed with the Department, and they agreed that such a compliance filing is not necessary.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Order Point 2 approved implementation of the reduced revenue requirements to reflect the 35-year depreciation lives for Northern Wind and Rock Aetna starting in 2023 with the depreciation reductions for 2023 and 2024 reflected in the fall 2025 True-Up RES Tracker filing; Order Point 3 required the Company to incorporate the actual 2023 and forecast 2024 production tax credit (PTC) sales into the Company's 2025 RES Rider filing.

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 Jennifer Roesler at <a href="mailto:jennifer.roesler@xcelenergy.com">jennifer.roesler@xcelenergy.com</a> or contact me at <a href="mailto:jennifer.goesler@xcelenergy.com">jennifer.goesler@xcelenergy.com</a> or contact me at <a href="mailto:jennifer.goesler@xcelenergy.com">jennifer.goesler@xcelenergy.com</a> or contact me at <a href="mailto:jennifer.goesler@xcelenergy.com">jennifer.goesler@xcelenergy.com</a> or contact me at <a href="mailto:jennifer.goesle

Sincerely,

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  - <u>xx</u> 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 17th day of March 2025

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