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Executive Secretary
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RE: Supplemental Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources
Docket No. G002/M-10-1163

Dear Dr. Haar:

This letter is the response of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department) to reply comments filed by Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (“Xcel Energy or the “Company”), in the following matter:

Petition for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements

On April 25, 2011, Xcel Energy stated in its reply comments:

On page 8 of the Department’s comments, in section D.1., we believe the Department inadvertently listed the Minnesota heating season capacity of 743,781 Dth instead of the Minnesota Design Day forecasted demand of 699,611 Dth. On the same page, in section D.2., the Grand Forks allocation factor increase should be 1.9% instead of 2.1%, as shown on Attachment 1, Schedule 1, Page 4 of 4 of our initial petition.

The Department acknowledges the errors and thanks the Company for correcting them.

Xcel Energy also states in its reply comments that it did not include in its initial filing a proposed effective date for the proposal to recover certain Producer Demand and Storage costs from firm and interruptible customers. The Company proposes that if the proposal is approved by the Commission, that it become effective prospectively upon the date of the Commission’s Order in this proceeding. The Department recommends approval of this effective date.

The Department continues to recommend that the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) **approve** the petition. The Department is available to answer any questions that the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARLON GRIFFING, PH.D.
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sharon Ferguson, hereby certify that I have this day, served copies of the following document on the attached list of persons by electronic filing, certified mail, e-mail, or by depositing a true and correct copy thereof properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Minnesota Department of Commerce
Supplemental Comments**

Docket No. G002/M-10-1163

Dated this 30th of September, 2011

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