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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

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3 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND EMPLOYER.

4 A. My name is Darin W. Schottler. I am the Director of Regional Capital Projects
5 for Xcel Energy Services Inc., the service company for Northern States Power
6 Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy or the Company)

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8 Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?

9 A. Yes. On June 16, 2023, I filed my Direct Testimony on behalf of the Company
10 regarding the restoration and associated work performed at Sherco Unit 3
11 following the November 2011 Event, the timeline for completing that work,
12 and the direct and indirect customer benefits resulting from that work. I
13 explained that those benefits received by customers as a result of the restoration
14 and associated work are significant and must be considered to have a full picture
15 of the impact of the Event on the Company's customers.

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17 **II. PURPOSE OF REBUTTAL TESTIMONY**

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19 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?

20 A. I file simply to note that only two witnesses provided any testimony in this
21 proceeding and neither witness provided testimony related to the restoration
22 period of Unit 3. Of those two witnesses, only Richard Polich of GDS
23 Associates, Inc. filing testimony on behalf of the Department of Commerce,
24 discussed Sherco Unit 3. However, even Mr. Polich did not provide any
25 testimony critical of the Company's work during the restoration period, nor did
26 he discuss either the direct or indirect benefits received by customers as a result
27 of that work. Therefore, I have no substantive Rebuttal Testimony to provide

1 and continue to support all of the testimony and schedules I previously
2 provided.

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4 Q. DOES THAT CONCLUDE YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?

5 A. Yes, it does.