BEFORE THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA	MPUC Docket Nos. E002/GR-12-961 E002/GR-13-868
IN THE MATTER OF THE REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENT REPORTS FOR ALL ELECTRIC UTILITIES	E999/AA-13-599 E999/AA-14-579 E999/AA-16-523 E999/AA-17-492 E999/AA-18-373

OAH Docket No. 65-2500-38476

REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF

DARIN W. SCHOTTLER

On Behalf of

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

September 22, 2023

Exhibit___(DWS-2)

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1		I. INTRODUCTION
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3	Q.	PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND EMPLOYER.
4	Α.	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	Α.	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	Α.	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

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- 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.

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