

August 8, 2013

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**RE: Response Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources**  
Docket No. E002/M-13-255

Dear Dr. Haar:

This letter serves as the response comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department) in the following matter:

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation's, Annual Safety, Reliability, and Service Quality Report, and Petition for Approval of Reliability Goals.

On April 1, 2013, Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation (Xcel or the Company) filed its petition (2013 Annual Report) to comply with Minnesota Rules Chapter 7826 and the Commission's December 20, 2012 Order in Docket No. E002/M-12-313.

The City of Minneapolis (the City) submitted comments on June 28, 2013, which requested additional information specific to aiding the City in meeting its Climate Action Plan and other environmental goals, and increasing the amount and granularity of service reliability-related information.

On July 1, 2013, the Department submitted its comments which recommended that the Commission accept Xcel's filing and set appropriate reliability goals for 2013 upon submission of additional information.

Xcel submitted its Reply Comments on July 31, 2013. The Company provided the information requested by the Department, and indicated that it was working with the City of Minneapolis regarding their request for information.

The Department appreciates the additional information provided by Xcel in response to our concerns and concludes that the Company provided reasonable discussions regarding each of the identified issues. However, the Department will continue to monitor Xcel's CAIDI performance in all four work centers, as well as the Company's performance in its Northwest work center for signs of declining performance trends.

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The Department is available to answer any questions that the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

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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  
Response Comments**

**Docket No. E002/M-13-255**

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013

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