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September 6, 2024

—Via Electronic Filing—

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

RE: COMMENTS
CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION FOR THE MINNESOTA ENERGY
CONNECTION PROJECT
DOCKET NO. E002/CN-22-131

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy (Company or Xcel Energy), respectfully submits the enclosed Comments pursuant to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) June 5, 2024 Notice of Comment Period on the Merits of the Certificate of Need Application in the above-noted docket.

We have electronically filed this document with the Commission. Copies are also being served on the persons on the attached service list. Please contact me at bria.e.shea@xcelenergy.com you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Bria E. Shea*

BRIA E. SHEA
REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, REGULATORY POLICY

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**In the Matter of the Application of Xcel
Energy for a Certificate of Need for the
Minnesota Energy Connection Project in
Sherburne, Stearns, Kandiyohi, Wright,
Meeker, Chippewa, Yellow Medicine,
Renville, Redwood, and Lyon Counties in
Minnesota**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

**Docket No. E002/TL-22-131
OAH Docket No.: 23-2500-39782**

Breann L. Jurek certifies that on the 6th day of September 2024, she e-filed on behalf of Xcel Energy a true and correct copy of the following documents:

1. Xcel Energy's Comments on the Merits of the Certificate of Need Application;
and
2. Certificate of Service.

to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, via edockets
(www.edockets.state.mn.us). Said documents were also served on the Official Service
List on file with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and as attached hereto.

Executed on: September 6, 2024

Signed: /s/ Breann L. Jurek

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