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—Via Electronic Filing—

Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
2020 ANNUAL REVIEW OF REMAINING LIVES & FIVE-YEAR DEPRECIATION
AND NET SALVAGE STUDY FOR ELECTRIC AND GAS PRODUCTION AND GAS
STORAGE FACILITIES
DOCKET NO. E,G002/D-19-723

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, respectfully requests the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) grant the Company a three-month extension to submit its 2020 Review of Remaining Lives and Five-Year Depreciation and Net Salvage Study Petition (2020 Petition).

The State of Minnesota and world at large are currently responding to the unexpected and unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. As part of this response, the Commission recently began an inquiry into the financial effect of COVID-19 on natural gas and electric utilities in Docket No. E,G999/CI-20-425. On May 5, 2020 Commissioner Sullivan filed a Memo in the docket asking utilities to respond regarding near term, planned for, and prudent utility infrastructure investments or other programs that can aid in Minnesota's economic recovery from COVID-19. The Company is diligently working to develop a plan that we can bring forward to respond to the Commission's request and aid in the recovery of this economic downturn. While we do not currently know what the outcome of the docket will be, we believe some of the Company's proposals could result in changes that would impact the 2020 Petition. For this reason, we believe the requested extension will serve to better align our 2020 Petition and any decisions resulting from the COVID-19 docket.

The Company's utmost priority remains the continuous provision of safe, reliable, and affordable services to our customers in these uncertain times. We do not believe an additional three-month delay will have any bearing on that. The Company's 2020 Petition is currently due May 18, 2020.¹ We understand that the timing of this Extension Request will not grant enough time for the Commission to make a decision on our request prior to the filing due date of May 18, 2020. That being said, we are making a good-faith effort to prepare a complete and accurate response regarding the COVID-19 financial impact, which will likely have direct results on our 2020 Petition, and therefore believe this request is warranted.

We have electronically filed this document with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, and copies have been served on the parties on the attached service lists. Please contact Amber Hedlund at amber.r.hedlund@xcelenergy.com or (612) 337-2268 or me at laurie.j.wold@xcelenergy.com or (612) 330-5510 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/

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¹ On November 18, 2019 the Company requested an extension from the February 18, 2020 due date to May 18, 2020 due to unforeseen onboarding issues with TLG Services, Inc. The Commission approved our request as part of their January 21, 2020 Consent Agenda with the Order issued January 22, 2020.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jim Erickson, hereby certify that I have this day served copies of the foregoing document on the attached list of persons.

xx by depositing a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at Minneapolis, Minnesota

xx electronic filing

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Dated this 15th day of May 2020

/s/

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