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Subject: **Minnesota Chamber of Commerce letter to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission - Docket No. E002/M-16-420** (“Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy’s Requesting Approval of a Revision to the Company’s Competitive Response Rider Tariff and a Revised Competitive Response Rider Agreement with Gerdau Ameristeel US, Inc.”)

Dear Mr. Wolf,

The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce supports the request of Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel to revise its Competitive Response Rider Agreement with Gerdau Ameristeel US, Inc. Additionally, we appreciate that the Department of Commerce recommended approval (with conditions) of Xcel’s request.

As you are likely aware, Gerdau Steel’s steel-melting facility in St. Paul manufactures a variety of steel products for a variety of industries. Like all steel mills, it requires a large amount of electricity and must compete in a global market. We believe that the reasonable revisions to the CRR agreement will enable Gerdau to operate most effectively in these conditions, a development that would benefit the Minnesotans who rely on the mill to make their living.

We appreciate the Commission’s consideration of Xcel’s request.

Sincerely,

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