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- VIA ELECTRONIC FILING -

Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
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Re: INFORMATIONAL LETTER
TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY RIDER
DOCKET NO. E002/M-15-891

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, provides this informational letter regarding plans to delay filing our Petition to update the 2017 Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Rider Rate Adjustment Factors.

The Commission's decision in the above-referenced TCR proceeding could impact our calculation of the 2017 TCR revenue requirements. We understand that the Commission could be taking up the pending TCR docket in the near future, so we believe it is appropriate to delay filing our 2017 TCR Rider Petition until the Commission has issued its Order in the 2016 TCR docket.

When we do file our 2017 TCR Rider Petition, it will include a discussion of the Commission-certified Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS) project.¹ The timing to include ADMS for cost recovery in the TCR (as allowed by the amended Minn. Stat. § 216B.2425) is uncertain and is dependent upon a number of factors, such as the project's progression through several key milestones, the timing of the Commission's discussion of our 2016 TCR docket and the timing of our 2017 TCR Rider filing.

¹ Docket No. E002/M-15-962, ORDER CERTIFYING ADVANCED DISTRIBUTION-MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ADMS) PROJECT UNDER MINN. STAT. § 216B.2425 AND REQUIRING DISTRIBUTION STUDY (June 28, 2016).

If you have any questions regarding this update, please feel free to contact me at bria.e.shea@xcelenergy.com or 612-330-6064.

Sincerely,

/s/

BRIA E. SHEA
REGULATORY MANAGER

c: Service List

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

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Dated this 6th day of October 2016

/s/

Jim Erickson

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