July 16, 2018

## -VIA ELECTRONIC FILING-

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Re: Second Supplement to Reply Comments<br>Transmission Cost Recovery Rider

Docket No. E002/M-17-797
Dear Mr. Wolf:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission this Second Supplement to our Reply Comments originally filed on May 14, 2018 regarding our request for approval of Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Rider revenue requirements for 2017 and 2018 and our proposed TCR Adjustment Factors.

In our May 25, 2018 Supplemental Reply Comments, we presented an alternative treatment to minimize customer impacts related to the proration of accumulated deferred income taxes (ADIT). The ADIT prorate was embedded in the rate base calculation rather than presented as a separate line item. In subsequent conversations, the Department has requested that we provide a more granular breakdown of this treatment to show the impact to project-specific revenue requirements. We provide this requested analysis as Attachment A to this Second Supplement to our Reply Comments.

Attachment A shows how ADIT prorating impacts each individual project's revenue requirement. In addition, Attachment A reflects a correction to the Revenue Requirement Factor calculation as the direct tax impact was applied to both the debt return and equity return. The correct factor would be to have the total of the debt return, equity return, and the direct tax impact of only the equity return (to gross-up the equity return). The debt return does not need to be grossed up for taxes as interest on debt is tax deductible.

We acknowledge that the Department asserted in their July 5 letter in the State Energy Policy Rider proceeding (Docket No. G002/M-18-184) that the alternative ADIT treatment is too complex. We hope that this additional information helps to better demonstrate the calculation.

As can be seen from Attachment A, the impact on customers of our proposed ADIT treatment is de minimis. Following the further refinements to the proposed calculation filed on May 25, 2018 discussed above, resulting in an increase of $\$ 438$, Attachment A reflects $\$ 636$ of total revenue requirements for the year ended December 31, 2018 related to the impact of ADIT proration on the TCR Rider. Whether ADIT is prorated using the updated methodology or proration is removed entirely, with all else equal, the actual rate charged to customers would be the same. Further, we are not suggesting that any party agree that our proposal is the only appropriate methodology. Rather, we ask that parties agree to apply our proposed methodology for the currently pending Company rider filings, with no commitment from parties regarding future treatment. That is, should parties accept our proposed treatment in this proceeding, the Company commits here to refrain from using this outcome as an argument for acceptance in future proceedings. We believe this creates a win for customers: compliance with normalization rules, protection of customers, and avoidance of precedent for resolution of this issue in future proceedings.

We appreciate the input and discussion with the Department, and we look forward to resolving remaining differences with parties.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216.17 , subd. 3, we have electronically filed this document, and served copies of the summary on the parties on the attached service lists.

If you have any questions regarding this filing please contact Rebecca Eilers at 612-$330-5570$ or rebecca.d.eilers@xcelenergy.com , or me at 612-330-5941 or holly.r.hinman@xcelenergy.com.

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| 3 | Pro-Rate Days | A | 15 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |  |
| 4 | Pro-Rate Factor | $\mathrm{B}=\mathrm{A} /$ Days in Month | 0.483871 | 0.500000 | 0.483871 | 0.500000 | 0.883871 | 0.500000 | 0.483871 | 0.483871 | 0.500000 | 0.483871 | 0.500000 | 0.483871 |  |
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| 6 | Deferred Beg Bal | c | 195,462,405.64 | 196,418,341 | 197,374,277 | 198,330,213 | 199,286,149 | 200,242,085 | 201,198,021 | 202,153,957 | 203,109,892 | 204,065,828 | 205,021,764 | 205,97,700 |  |
| 7 | Deferred Tax Exp Activity | D | 955,936 | 955,936 | 955,936 | 955,936 | 955,936 | 955,936 | 955,936 | 955,936 | 955,936 | 955,936 | 955,936 | 955,936 | 11,471,230 |
| 8 | Deferred Tax End Bal | $\mathrm{E}=\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{D}$ | 196,418,341 | 197,374,277 | 198,330,213 | 199,286,149 | 200,242,085 | 201,198,021 | 202,153,957 | 203,109,892 | 204,065,828 | 205,021,764 | 205,977,700 | 206,93, 236 |  |
| 9 | Average ADIT End Bal | $\mathrm{F}=(\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{E}) / 2$ | 195,940,374 | 196,896,309 | 197,852,245 | 198,808,181 | 199,764,117 | 200,720,053 | 201,675,989 | 202,631,925 | 203,587,860 | 204,543,796 | 205,499,732 | 206,45, 668 |  |
| 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | Deferred Tax Exp Prorated Activity | $\mathrm{G}=\mathrm{B}^{*} \mathrm{D}$ | 462,550 | 477,968 | 462,550 | 477,968 | 462,550 | 477,968 | 462,550 | 462,550 | 477,968 | 462,550 | 477,968 | 462,550 |  |
| 12 | Deferred Tax End Bal Prorated | $\mathrm{H}=\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{G}$ | 195,924,955 | 196,896,309 | 197,836,827 | 198,808,181 | 199,78,699 | 200,720,053 | 201,660,570 | 202,616,506 | 203,587,860 | 204,528,378 | 205,499,732 | 206,40, 250 |  |
| 13 |  | I= (WACC+(Equity Return*T/(1- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | Revenue Requirement factor | T) T)/ $12^{12}$ | 0.80\% | 0.80\% | 0.80\% | 0.80\% | 0.80\% | 0.80\% | 0.80\% | 0.80\% | 0.80\% | 0.80\% | 0.80\% | 0.80\% |  |
| 15 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | RR of ADIT Pro-rate | $\mathrm{J}=(\mathrm{F}-\mathrm{H})^{*}$ + | 124 | 0 | 124 | 0 | 124 | 0 | 124 | 124 | 0 | 124 | 0 | 124 | 866 |
| 17 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | Jurisdictional Allocator | к | 73.404\% | 73.4404\% | 73.4404\% | 73.4404\% | 73.404\% | 73.4404\% | 73.4404\% | 73.4404\% | 73.404\% | 73.4004\% | 73.4404\% | 73.404\% |  |
| 19 | MN Jur RR of ADIT Pro-rate | $1=1 * \mathrm{~K}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | MNJur Rr of ADII Pro-rate | $\stackrel{L}{ } J^{*} \mathrm{~K}$ | 91 | 0 | 91 |  | 91 | 0 | 91 | 91 | 0 | 91 |  | 91 | 636 |

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Dated this $16^{\text {th }}$ day of July 2018
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Carl Cronin
Regulatory Administrator

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