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Ms. Patty Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
State Capitol Building  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

Re: Application of Northern States Power Company for Approval of 2016  
Economic Development Activities and Proposed 2017 Economic  
Development Budget.

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits the enclosed documents, which are in accordance with Docket EL91-004 and EL14-058, to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for approval of our 2016 Economic Development Activities and proposed 2017 Economic Development Budget.

The report is organized as follows:

- Attachment A: 2016 Economic Development Budget
- Attachment B: 2016 Economic Development Expenditures
- Attachment C: Proposed 2017 Economic Development Budget
- Attachment D: Documentation Supporting 2016 Economic Development Expenditures

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 605-339-8350.

Sincerely,