

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NORTHERN)
STATES POWER COMPANY DBA XCEL ENERGY)
FOR APPROVAL OF A PROXY PRICING PROPOSAL)
TO ADJUST CERTAIN FUEL CLAUSE RIDER POWER)
PURCHASE COSTS)

JOINT MOTION FOR
APPROVAL OF REVISED
SETTLEMENT STIPULATION

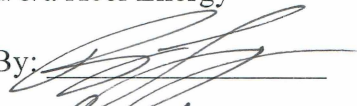
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Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission and Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel), jointly referred to as "Parties," hereby file this Joint Motion for Approval of Revised Settlement Stipulation. In support of this Joint Motion, the Parties submit as follows:

1. This Joint Motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19;
2. The terms of the Revised Settlement Stipulation represent a negotiated settlement and thereby resolve all issues subject to this proceeding.
3. The terms of the Revised Settlement Stipulation agreed upon are just and reasonable and consistent with South Dakota law.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons and those discussed in the Revised Settlement Stipulation, the undersigned Parties jointly request the Commission to: 1) grant the Joint Motion for Approval of Revised Settlement Stipulation; and 2) adopt the attached Revised Settlement Stipulation without modification.

Northern States Power Company
d/b/a Xcel Energy

By: 

Its: Lead Asst Gen Counsel

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Staff

By: 

Its: Staff attorney