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--Via Electronic Filing--

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: APPLICATION TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR A ROUTE PERMIT
SOUTHWEST TWIN CITIES 115 KV TRANSMISSION LINE UPGRADES TO THE
GLENCOE-WACONIA 69 KV SYSTEM
DOCKET NO. E002/TL-10-249

Dear Dr. Haar:

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (“Xcel Energy”) is electronically filing its request for a route permit for a high voltage transmission line. Xcel Energy has also filed an application for a Certificate of Need with the Commission and believes that it would be efficient to combine the contested case and public hearings in the Certificate of Need and Route Permit proceedings and requests that they be held jointly. *See* Minn. Stat. § 216B.243, subd. 4; Minn. R. 7850.2600, Subp. 3. The Certificate of Need Application was filed on November 30, 2010 in MPUC Docket No. E002/CN-09-1390.

The proposed project measures approximately 23 miles in length and primarily follows existing transmission line corridor, initiating from the proposed Diamond Substation near the City of Glencoe and ending at a transmission structure located approximately 1.25 miles west of the Augusta Substation.

This filing consists of the body of the Application and associated appendices, six files in total, as follows:

Cover Letter – 1 file
Application and Appendix A –1 file
Appendix B– 3 files
Appendices C-F – 1 file

The application fee payment is being sent to the Department of Commerce under separate cover. Please call me at (612) 330-1955 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Timothy G. Rogers

Timothy G. Rogers
Supervisor Siting and Permitting

Enclosure

cc: Department of Commerce