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

**RE: Xcel Energy/Northern States Power Company COMPETITIVE RESOURCE ACQUISITION PROCESS,  
DOCKET NO. E002/CN-12-1240**

Dear Dr. Haar:

This letter serves as Great River Energy's offer to participate in Northern States Power Company's (NSP) d/b/a Xcel Energy COMPETITIVE RESOURCE ACQUISITION PROCESS as outlined in Docket No E002/CN-12-1240.

GRE has available capacity in the timeframe which Northern States Power (NSP) is seeking additional resources in the Competitive Resource Acquisition Process. GRE is offering accredited capacity based on its generation assets to meet a portion of the capacity which NSP is seeking. This offer can provide an alternative to building new generation resources in the desired time period.

The balance of this letter's content is in response to the Proposal Data Guidance document posted on Xcel Energy's website. Since GRE's offer is for capacity only and does not include any energy, a Strategist template is not included with this offer.

The GRE resources necessary to support this proposal have already been built or acquired. All GRE resources supporting this proposal are located in MISO Resource Zone 1, the same zone where NSP's load is located, eliminating any concern about delivery of the product offered. Since GRE is offering a capacity only product, no emissions are associated with this offer.

GRE is proposing to sell NSP MISO Zone 1 Resource Credits (ZRCs) in the quantities and at the prices indicated in Tables 1 and 2 below. The tables are mutually exclusive; that is, GRE offers the capacity and price of either table, but not both tables combined.

**Table 1**

Year	Zone 1 ZRC (MW)	Capacity (\$/kW-Year)	Capacity (\$/MW-Month)
	<b>[Trade Secret Data Begins</b>		
2016/2017			
2017/2018			
2018/2019			

**Trade Secret Data Ends]**

**Table 2**

Year	Zone 1 ZRC (MW)	Capacity (\$/kW-Year)	Capacity (\$/MW-Month)
	<b>[Trade Secret Data Begins</b>		
2016/2017			
2017/2018			
2018/2019			

**Trade Secret Data Ends]**

- Notes: 1) Term is based on the MISO planning year (June - May) and not on a calendar year.  
2) The product is capacity only. No energy is associated with this product.  
3) The quantities and offer prices remain in effect until November 30, 2013

This offer is made under expected confidentiality requirements of Trade Secret data as protected under submittals to the MN Public Utilities Commission, Minn. Stat. 13.37.

GRE will be pleased to address any questions regarding our proposal in this docket. Please direct any questions to [lrossmccalib@greenergy.com](mailto:lrossmccalib@greenergy.com) or 763.445.6103.

Sincerely,



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