

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Request by Northern States Power Company - Gas Utility for Approval to Change its Contract Demand Entitlements to Serve Firm Customers, and to Recover the Associated Costs in its Monthly Purchased Gas Adjustments, Effective with its September 2000 and November 2000 Filings

The above entitled matter has been considered by the Commission and the following disposition made:

Approved the level of Xcel's requested demand entitlements;

Approved a Minnesota-jurisdictional allocation factor of 0.1403 for allocating the costs of entitlements on Viking for the Minnesota portion of the Grand Forks lateral;

Approved a Moorhead, Minnesota area jurisdictional allocation factor of 0.2083 to properly allocate the costs of the pipeline loop installed by Viking to service the incremental needs for the Moorhead, Minnesota/Fargo, North Dakota area;

Approved a Minnesota-Jurisdictional allocation factor of 0.8960 for allocating the rest of the

costs associated with the requested firm demand entitlements; and

Allowed recovery of the costs through the Company's PGA, as recommended by the Department, effective with Xcel's September 2000 cycle 1 billing and its November 2000 cycle 1 billings for all other proposed entitlements

The Commission agrees with and adopts the recommendations of the Department of Commerce which are attached and hereby incorporated in the Order.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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