



414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401-1993

February 4, 2008

Mr. Dan Schoenecker, Enforcement and Mitigation Manager
Midwest Reliability Organization
2774 Cleveland Avenue N
Roseville, MN 55113

Re: NERC Violation Tracking Identification Numbers MRO200700045 and
MRO200700046

Dear Mr. Schoenecker:

The Northern States Power Companies (NSP Companies)¹ are in receipt of a Notice of Alleged Violation and Proposed Penalty or Sanction (Notice) dated January 14, 2008 relating to the referenced matters. The Notice involves alleged violations of VAR-001-1, Requirements 3 and 4. The Notice recommends no penalty or sanction provided the NSP Companies successfully complete their proposed plans to mitigate the alleged violations. The Notice also provides the NSP Companies several options for responding to each of the Notices.

One of the options available to the NSP Companies is to agree or not contest the Alleged Violations and proposed penalty or sanction. Consistent with the Notices, the NSP Companies hereby notify the Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO) of their decision not to contest the alleged violations.

Please contact Ms. Terri Eaton at (303) 273-4878 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. P. Chamberlain'.

Greg P. Chamberlain
Title: Director, Transmission Portfolio Delivery,
Xcel Energy Services Inc., acting on behalf of the
NSP Companies

¹ Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, and Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation. The NSP Companies are subsidiaries of Xcel Energy Inc. Xcel Energy Services Inc., is the service company for the NSP Companies.