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December 19, 2016

Mr. Eric Ealy Environmental Analyst Xcel Energy 414 Nicollet Mall, MP-04 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401 REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: SR-6J

RE: Approval of Phase 2 Remedial Design Work Plan Ashland/NSP Lakefront Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Ealy:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5, in consultation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), reviewed the final revised Phase 2 Remedial Design Work Plan (RDWP) sent via e-mail on December 13, 2016, by Foth/Envirocon Joint Venture on behalf of Northern States Power Company (NSPW), (d.b.a. Xcel Energy). EPA is approving the Phase 2 RDWP. This approval is subject to entry by the court of the Consent Decree between the United States, State of Wisconsin and NSPW.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss things further, please contact me at 312-886-1999.

Sincerely,

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Scott K. Hansen Remedial Project Manager

cc: Jamie Dunn, WDNR Denis Roznowski, Foth