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Dear Secretary:

Attached is a copy of a letter in regard to “Comments on Proposed Rule Waste Confidence - Continued Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel and the Draft Waste Confidence Generic Environmental Impact Statement.” A hard copy of the letter is to follow.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

***Chris Barncard***

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**VIA EMAIL & USPS FIRST CLASS MAIL**

RE: Comments on Proposed Rule, "Waste Confidence – Continued Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel" and "Draft Waste Confidence Generic Environmental Impact Statement", Docket ID NRC-2012-0246

Dear Secretary:

Northern States Power Company, ( dba Xcel Energy) the licensee of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, and the Prairie Island Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation, hereby submit its comments on the above-captioned proposed rule and draft generic environmental impact statement.

Xcel Energy appreciates the opportunity to address this very important rulemaking action by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and applaud the Commission's efforts to act in an efficient, transparent and expeditious manner. We support the NRC staff's proposed determinations that it is feasible to safely store spent nuclear fuel beyond the licensed life for operation of a reactor and to have a mined geologic repository within 60 years following the licensed life for operation of a reactor. We believe that the Commission's proposed rule and draft generic environmental impact statement comprehensively addresses the issues raised by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in *New York v. NRC*. We encourage the Commission and staff to complete the Waste Confidence review and rulemaking on the planned 24 month schedule.

Xcel Energy has participated in the preparation of and has carefully reviewed the comments filed by the Nuclear Energy Institute by letter dated December 20, 2013. We fully subscribe to and adopt those comments.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Glass'.

Peter Glass  
PMG/cmb