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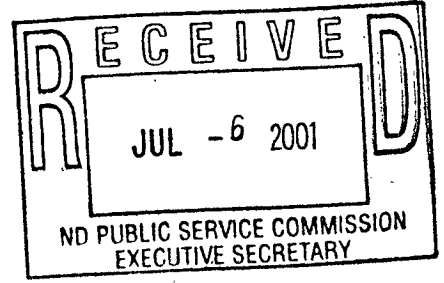
Northern States Power Company
Transfer Corridor Cert 59,64 & Rte Prmt 39,68
Application
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DESCRIPTION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Northern States Power Company
Transfer Corridor Cert 59, 64, and Rte Prmt 39, 68, 71
Application

Case No. PU-400-01-292

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

June 27, 2001

On June 6, 2001, Northern States Power Company d/b/a Excel Energy (New NSP) filed an application requesting transfer to New NSP of corridor certificates and route permits for certain electric and natural gas transmission facilities located in Barnes, Cass and Grand Forks Counties of North Dakota. These certificates and permits were held by Northern States Power Company (Old NSP) before a corporate merger resulted in the creation of New NSP.

The issues to be considered in this matter are whether New NSP agrees and is able to comply with the terms and conditions of the certificates and permits currently issued to Old NSP, and whether the requested certificate/permit transfers are compatible with the public interest.

Those interested are invited to comment on this application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearing must be received by **August 10, 2001**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-224-2400, or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or braille materials please notify Jon Mielke, Executive Secretary.

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Anthony T. Clark
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Illona: 6/30/2001: AN ACADEMIC OBSERVATION: In the merger documents, all permits, licenses & Certificates are to become the property and responsibility of Xcel Energy. New NSP (if there is actually such an entity) has no assets and is a mere operating shell. If NEW NSP owns the permits, they will not have resources to comply with orders with reference to same.

Best regards to all. Myer Shark

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Transfer of Corridor Cert 59, 64, Rte Prmt 39, 68, 71
Application

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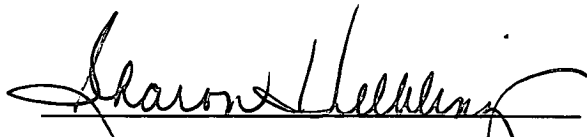
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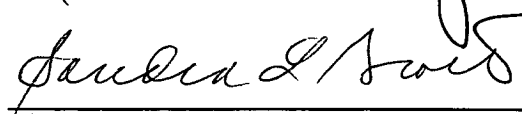
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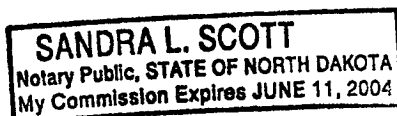
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Notary Public

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APPROVED

MOTION

DATE: 11-7-01
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November 7, 2001

**Northern States Power Company
Trans Corridor Cert 59, 64, Rte Prmt 39, 68, 71
Application**

Case No. PU-400-01-292

I move the Commission adopt the Order approving the transfer of Corridor Certificate Nos. 59 and 64, and Route Permit Nos. 39, 68 and 71 from old Northern States Power Company to new Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy, Case No. PU-400-01-292.

JRL/sdh

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Northern States Power Company
Transfer Corridor Cert 59, 64, and Rte Prmt 39, 68, 71
Application**

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ORDER

November 7, 2001

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On June 27, 2001, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until August 10, 2001 for filing comments and requests for hearing. No requests for hearing were received. The notice identified the issues to be considered in this matter as whether New NSP agrees and is able to comply with the terms and conditions of the certificates and permits currently issued to Old NSP, and whether the requested certificate/permit transfers are compatible with the public interest.

On May 12, 2000, In Case No. PU-400-99-418, the Commission found the merger transactions compatible with the public interest and issued its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order approving the merger of Old NSP and New Centuries Energies, Inc. to form Xcel Energy, Inc., with New NSP as a utility operating subsidiary of Xcel Energy, Inc. and the successor to the electric and natural gas assets, operations and obligations of Old NSP.

Permit for the Construction of a Transmission Facility (Route Permit) No. 39 was issued to Old NSP on June 29, 1981 in Case No. 10, 158 authorizing the upgrade of approximately 4 miles of electric transmission facilities from 115 kV to 230 kV extending from the Fargo substation to the proposed Frontier Substation in Cass County, North Dakota.

Certificate of Site Compatibility for Transmission Facility Corridor (Corridor Certificate) No. 59 and Route Permit No. 68 were issued to Old NSP on March 7, 1989 in Case No. PU-400-88-122 authorizing construction of approximately 6.6 miles of 230 kV electric transmission line from the Falconer substation to the Prairie substations located in Grand Forks County, North Dakota.

Corridor Certificate No. 64 and Route Permit No. 71 were issued to Old NSP on July 21, 1992 in Case No. PU-400-89-426 authorizing construction of approximately 11.9 miles of natural gas pipeline in Cass County, North Dakota.

NSP filed an affidavit with its application of David M. Sparby, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for Xcel Energy Services, Inc. The affidavit states that New NSP will comply with the terms, conditions and modifications contained in certificates and route permits and the Commission orders in Case Nos. 10,158, PU-400-88-122 and PU-400-89-426.

The Commission finds that New NSP agrees and is able to comply with the terms and conditions of the certificates and permits currently issued to Old NSP.

The Commission finds the requested certificate and permit transfers are compatible with the public interest.

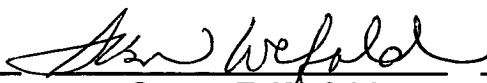
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The Commission Orders the application of New NSP requesting transfer from Old NSP to New NSP of Corridor Certificate Nos. 59 and 64, and Route Permit Nos. 39, 68 and 71 is granted.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Anthony T. Clark
Commissioner



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State of North Dakota

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August 1, 2001

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RE: Case No. PU-400-01-292
Northern States Power Company
Transfer of Corridor Certificate 59, 64 and Rte Permit 39, 68, 71
Application

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We have been furnished with the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in the above docket. The legal notice was published by the North Dakota Advertising Service, Inc.

Enclosed is a copy of the affidavit for your file and the statement from the North Dakota Advertising Service, Inc. in the amount of \$90.54 for the cost of the publication. **Please make your payment directly to the North Dakota Advertising Service, Inc.** This is billed under 49-11-13, N.D.C.C.

Sincerely,


Gloria Geiger
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701-328-2401

Enclosure
cc: North Dakota Advertising Service, Inc.

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Letter to Xcel re payment of advertising
by Public Service Commission
08/01/2001 CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry

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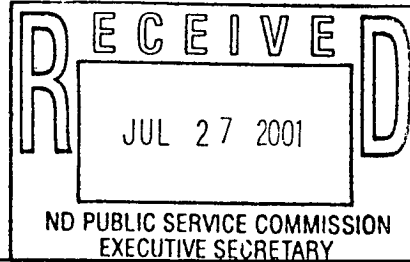
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To:

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE CAPITOL
BISMARCK ND 58505



Client: Public Service Commission

Order: 01072PP2

Newspaper	Date	Inches	Rate	Amount
Fargo, The Forum	Northern S 07/09/2001	47.00 SPR2	0.73	34.31
Grand Forks Herald	Northern S 07/05/2001	47.00 SPR2	0.61	28.67
Valley City Times-Record	Northern S 07/05/2001	53.00 SPR2	0.52	27.56
*** ADVERTISING TOTAL				90.54
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Affidavit of Publication

by North Dakota Advertising Service, Inc.

07/27/2001

CC: Comm Legal Illona Jerry

This invoice is due and payable upon receipt. Unpaid items over 30 days from invoice date are subject to a finance charge. The finance charge is computed by a periodic rate of 1 3/4 percent per month (or a minimum charge of 50 cents for balances of under \$50), which is an annual percentage rate of 21 percent.

Total unpaid balance may be paid at any time.

Please pay from this invoice - No statement will be sent. Return duplicate with remittance to North Dakota Advertising Service, Inc.

Affidavit of Publication

State of North Dakota)
County of Burleigh)



Laurie Thiel, being duly sworn, state as follows:

1. I am the designated agent, under the provisions and for the purposes of, Section 31-04-06, NDCC, for the newspapers listed on the attached exhibits.
2. The newspapers listed on the exhibits published the advertisement of:
Northern States Power, 1 time(s)
as required by law or ordinance.
3. All of the listed newspapers are legal newspapers in the State of North Dakota and, under the provisions of Section 46-05-01, NDCC, are qualified to publish any public notice or any matter required by law or ordinance to be printed or published in a newspaper in North Dakota.

Signed: Laurie Thiel

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of July A.D. 2001.

Laurie Schaffer

LAURIE SCHAFFER
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
My Commission Expires DEC. 1, 2005

Notice Of Opportunity For Hearing
June 27, 2001
Case No. PU-400-01-292

Bismarck

Devils Lake

Dickinson

Fargo

7-9

Grand Forks

7-5

Jamestown

Minot

7-5

Valley City

Wahpeton

Williston

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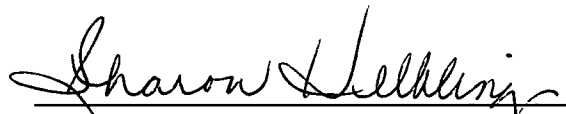
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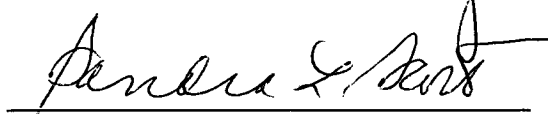
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Notary Public

SANDRA L. SCOTT
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
My Commission Expires JUNE 11, 2004

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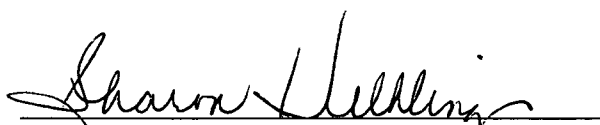
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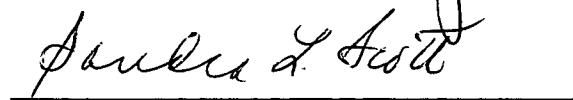
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Helbling, Sharon D.
From: Helbling, Sharon D.
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2001 7:34 AM
To: ndna (E-mail)
Subject: Attached Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

North Dakota Newspaper Association

Colleen,

Please have the attached Notice of Opportunity for Hearing published as a legal publication in the next issue of the official county newspapers in Barnes, Cass, and Grand Forks Counties, and run it as a "News Item Only" article as well.

Send the bill to the Public Service Commission, along with a tear sheet for billing purposes.

If you have any questions, please call me at 328-4076.

Thanks.

Sharon Helbling
Public Utilities Division



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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Northern States Power Company
Transfer Corridor Cert 59, 64, and Rte Prmt 39, 68, 71
Application**

Case No. PU-400-01-292

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

June 27, 2001

On June 6, 2001, Northern States Power Company d/b/a Excel Energy (New NSP) filed an application requesting transfer to New NSP of corridor certificates and route permits for certain electric and natural gas transmission facilities located in Barnes, Cass and Grand Forks Counties of North Dakota. These certificates and permits were held by Northern States Power Company (Old NSP) before a corporate merger resulted in the creation of New NSP.

The issues to be considered in this matter are whether New NSP agrees and is able to comply with the terms and conditions of the certificates and permits currently issued to Old NSP, and whether the requested certificate/permit transfers are compatible with the public interest.

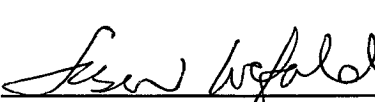
Those interested are invited to comment on this application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearing must be received by **August 10, 2001**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-224-2400, or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or braille materials please notify Jon Mielke, Executive Secretary.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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U.S. Bancorp Center
800 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55402-2023

June 5, 2001



Sharon Hebling
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard
State Capitol Building
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy
Application to Transfer Corridor Certificates and Route Permits

Dear Ms. Hebling:

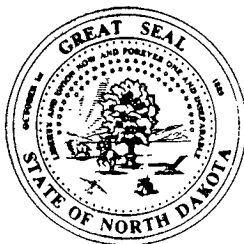
As you requested, I obtained a Certificate of Good Standing from the Secretary of State and I am enclosing same. Thanks so much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Sharon K. Lassek
Senior Legal Secretary
(612) 215-4596

State of North Dakota

SECRETARY OF STATE



CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

OF

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, hereby certifies that NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, a Minnesota corporation, authorized to transact business in the State of North Dakota on April 10, 2001, and according to the records of this office as of this date, has paid all fees due this office as required by North Dakota statutes governing foreign corporations.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Good Standing to

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

Issued: May 31, 2001

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Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

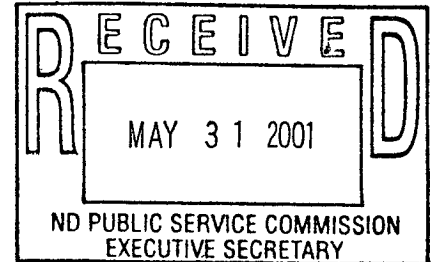


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Assistant General Counsel

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Phone: **612.215.4592**
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May 31, 2001

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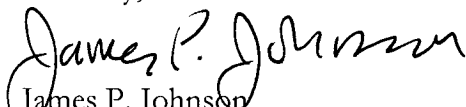
Re: Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy
Application to Transfer Corridor Certificates and Route Permits
Additional Submittal

Dear Mr. Mielke:

Enclosed please find an original and seven (7) copies of the Additional Submittal of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy ("Xcel Energy" or "New NSP") regarding the Company's "Application for an Order Transferring Corridor Certificates and Route Permits From Predecessor Northern States Power Company" ("Application"), previously filed on October 16, 2000. The Additional Submittal provides a copy of the Certificate of Authority issued to NSP by the North Dakota Secretary of State on April 10, 2001, to complete the Application.

Please direct any questions regarding this supplemental information to the undersigned at (612) 215-4592.

Sincerely,


James P. Johnson
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures

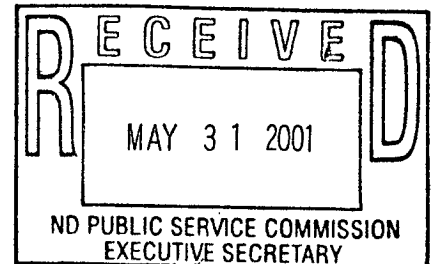


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Re: Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy
Application to Transfer Corridor Certificates and Route Permits
Additional Submittal

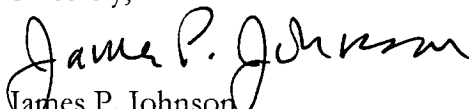
Dear Mr. Mielke:

On October 16, 2000, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Chap. 49-22, Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy ("NSP" or "the Company") submitted an "Application for an Order Transferring Corridor Certificates and Route Permits From Predecessor Northern States Power Company" ("Application").¹ The Application sought a Commission order transferring to NSP Corridor Certificate Numbers 59 and 64 and Route Permit Numbers 39, 68 and 71, previously issued to "Old NSP" by the Commission's orders in Case Nos. 10,158, PU-400-88-122 and PU-400-89-426, respectively.

Shortly thereafter, Commission staff contacted the Company to indicate the filing was incomplete because it did not include a copy of the certificate of authority for NSP, and the filing would be held in abeyance until the certificate was submitted. Attachment 1 to this supplemental filing provides a copy of the Certificate of Authority, issued to NSP by the North Dakota Secretary of State on April 10, 2001.

The Company regrets the delay in submitting this additional information. Please direct any questions regarding this supplement to the undersigned at (612) 215-4592.

Sincerely,


James P. Johnson
Assistant General Counsel

¹ The Application was filed in compliance with ordering paragraph 7 of the "Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order" dated May 12, 2000 in Case Nos. PU-400-99-418 and PU-400-98-246 ("Merger Order"). As discussed in the Merger Order, the rights, assets and obligations of Old NSP in North Dakota were transferred to its successor New NSP as part of the Xcel Energy Inc. merger.

Attachment 1

State of North Dakota

SECRETARY OF STATE



CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

OF

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, hereby certifies that an application of

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
for a Certificate of Authority to transact
business in this State, duly signed and verified
pursuant to the provisions of the North Dakota
Century Code, have been received in this office
and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such
Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority
vested in him by law, hereby issues this
Certificate of Authority to

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
to transact business in this State under the name
of

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

Issued: April 10, 2001

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alvin A. Jaeger".

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State



**CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
FOREIGN CORPORATION
APPLICATION**
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SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR FEES, FILING AND MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. A. The application **MUST** be accompanied by **ALL** of the following:
- Filing fee of \$125 if a **Foreign Business or Professional Corporation**
 - Filing fee of \$40 if a **Foreign Nonprofit Corporation**
 - Signed Consent of Registered Agent and fee of \$10
 - Current, **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING OR CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE** verifying corporate existence certified by the incorporating officer of the state or country of incorporation.
- B. The following **MAY** be required:
- Certification of professional license from the North Dakota licensing board for the profession
 - Signed consent to use of name and fee of \$10
 - Trade Name Registration and fee of \$25

TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY For reference, see North Dakota Century Code, Section 10-19.1-135 or 10-33-125.

2. Type of corporation applying for Certificate of Authority: (check one)

Foreign Business Foreign Professional Foreign Nonprofit

3.A. Name of corporation **EXACTLY** as it appears on Certificate of Good Standing from state of origin
Northern States Power Company

B. Federal ID #
41-1967505

C. If the corporation chooses to use a name other than its corporate name, that name is a trade name and must be registered with the North Dakota Secretary of State. (SEE INSTRUCTION 3.C.) If applicable, provide the trade name below and complete the Trade Name Registration form if the selected trade name is not already registered in North Dakota.

D. If the corporation has been notified by the North Dakota Secretary of State that its corporate name is the same as, or deceptively similar to a name already registered, this application for Certificate of Authority must be accompanied by one of the following: (check one)

Consent to use of name from the conflicting name holder(s)

An application for registration of a trade name for use in transacting business in North Dakota. The trade name adopted is:

Certified copy of a final decree of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing prior right of this corporation to use of the name in North Dakota

4. Complete mailing address of principal executive office which may not only be a post office box (Street/RR, and PO Box if applicable, city, state, zip+4) 800 Nicollet Mall, Suite 3000, Minneapolis, MN 55402

A. STATE or country where incorporated Minnesota	B. EXACT date incorporated (Month, day, AND year) March 8, 2000	C. Duration of corporation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Perpetual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	D. Telephone # 612 215 5344
			E. Toll-free telephone # 800 328 8226

6.A. Name of required registered agent in **NORTH DAKOTA** (SEE INSTRUCTION 6.A.)
Corporation Service Company

B. Federal ID/social security # of registered agent
51-000-9810

C. Address of registered agent in **NORTH DAKOTA** which may not only be a post office box number (Street/RR, and PO Box if applicable, city, state, zip+4) 316 North Fifth Street, P.O. Box 1695, Bismarck, North Dakota 58502

7. Nature of business or activities the corporation intends to conduct in the State of North Dakota
electric and gas utility

8. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION

OFFICE	Check box if officer also serves as director	NAME	Street/RR	PO Box	CITY	State	Zip +4
PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	See attached officers/directors rider					
VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>						
SECRETARY	<input type="checkbox"/>						
TREASURER	<input type="checkbox"/>						
DIRECTOR							
DIRECTOR							

9. The undersigned, a person authorized by the corporation to sign this application, knows the contents thereof, and believes the statements made to be true.

Catherine Cleveland 3-30-01
Original signature Date

10. Name of person to contact about this application Daytime telephone #

**Northern States Power Company
Officers and Directors**

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer	Wayne H. Brunetti	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Vice President	Paul J. Bonavia	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Vice President & Secretary	Cathy J. Hart	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
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Vice President & Treasurer	Paul E. Pender	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Vice President	J. T. Petillo	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Vice President & Controller	David E. Ripka	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Vice President	Patricia K. Vincent	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Vice President	David M. Wilks	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Assistant Secretary	Catherine J. Cleveland	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Assistant Secretary	Carol J. Peterson	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Assistant Secretary	Peter F. Rechek	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Assistant Treasurer	Judith A. Delaney	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Assistant Treasurer	Mary P. Schell	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Director	Wayne H. Brunetti	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
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**REGISTERED AGENT
CONSENT TO SERVE**
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2. Name of the organization for which the registered agent is to serve (corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, limited partnership, limited liability limited partnership or real estate investment trust)

Northern States Power Company

3. Name of the registered agent

Corporation Service Company

4. Registered agent is (Check one)

- An individual North Dakota resident
- A corporation
- A limited liability company
- A limited liability partnership

5. Federal ID # or social security # of registered agent

51-000-9810

6. An individual appointed as registered agent must sign a consent to serve in that capacity. When a corporation, a limited liability company, or limited liability partnership is named as registered agent, an officer or someone authorized by the organization may sign on behalf of the corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership.

"The undersigned, as the newly appointed registered agent, agrees to act as the registered agent for this organization until a change, or resignation, is submitted to the Secretary of State under the provisions of North Dakota law."

Corporation Service Company

By: KAPHA
Original signature of registered agent

4/4/01
Date

State of Minnesota

SECRETARY OF STATE

Certificate of Good Standing

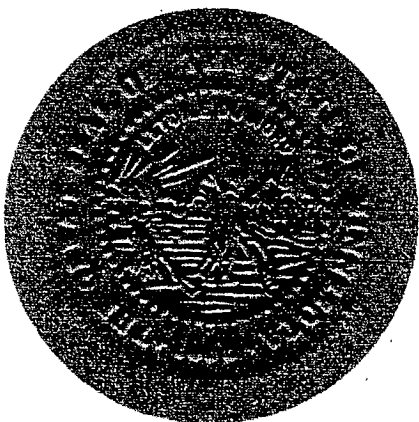
I, Mary Kiffmeyer, Secretary of State of Minnesota, do certify that: The corporation listed below is a corporation formed under the laws of Minnesota; that the corporation was formed by the filing of Articles of Incorporation with the Office of the Secretary of State on the date listed below; that the corporation is governed by the chapter of Minnesota Statutes listed below; and that this corporation is authorized to do business as a corporation at the time this certificate is issued.

Name: Northern States Power Company

Date Formed: 03/08/2000

Chapter Governed By: 302A

This certificate has been issued on 04/03/01.



Mary Kiffmeyer
Secretary of State.

Helbling, Sharon D.

From: Helbling, Sharon D.

Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2001 2:39 PM

To: 'dave.sederquist@xcelenergy.com'

Subject: Hi Dave

In October I e-mailed you about the corporate papers showing a name change from NSP to Xcel Energy. Did that transaction ever take place, or is it still Northern States Power Company? We continue to use Northern States Power Company in docketing cases.

The reason I ask is on October 17th we received an application to transfer corridor certificates and route permits Old NSP to New NSP.

This application is still sitting on my desk; we have done nothing with it.

Can you help? What should I do?

Helbling, Sharon D.

From: Sederquist, Dave [dave.sederquist@xcelenergy.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2000 3:43 PM
To: 'Helbling, Sharon'
Subject: FW: Need some stuff

Here's what the lawyer says...

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Johnson, James P
> Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2000 3:08 PM
> To: Sederquist, Dave
> Cc: Cleveland, Catherine J
> Subject: RE: Need some stuff

> As far as I know, they don't exist yet, because Corporate Secretary's area

> had not filed them all for New NSP as of last week (Cathy Cleveland said

> she was planning to file them this week, I believe).

> We will forward as soon as possible.

> JPJ

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Sederquist, Dave
> Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2000 2:56 PM
> To: Johnson, James P
> Subject: FW: Need some stuff

> Jim: see below

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Helbling, Sharon D.
> [SMTP:sdh@oracle.psc.state.nd.us]
> Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2000 9:19 AM
> To: 'dave.sederquist@xcelenergy.com'
> Subject: Need some stuff

> Hi Dave,

> Are you enjoying this wonderful weather? I sure am.

> I need some stuff from you. Yesterday we got the
> application to transfer corridor certificates and route permits in
> this

> NSP Xcel merger thing. What I need from NSP is the corporate papers
> showing all the merger transactions, etc. You can get that
> information

> from the Secretary of State's office 701-328-2900. I need everything,
> including any trade name papers, an original Certificate of Good
> Standing,

> name change papers if there are any. I'll need that before I can even
> docket the case. You can have them send it directly to me Inside Mail
> if

> you want. That will save some time.

> Call me if you have any questions. Thanks Dave.

Helbling, Sharon D.

From: Helbling, Sharon D.
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2000 3:24 PM
To: Binek, William W.; Jeffcoat-Sacco, Ilona
Subject: Application to Transfer Cerificates

We got an application today to transfer Corridor certificates and Route permits from Northern States Power Company to Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy. We usually don't issue certificates using d/b/a because many companies have many d/b/as. It's still Northern States Power Company and it is my understanding they can do business under any d/b/a they wish as long as the d/b/a is on file with the Secretary of State. So should we really be transferring these certificates? Couldn't they remain as they are?

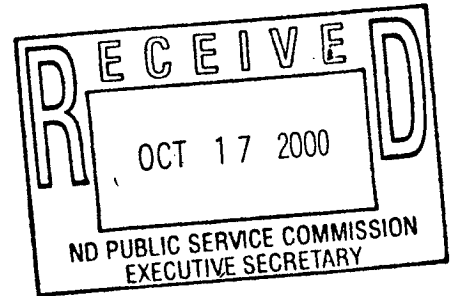


Legal Services

800 Nicollet Mall, Suite 2900
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

October 16, 2000

Mr. Jon Mielke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505



Re: Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy
Application to Transfer Corridor Certificates and Route Permits

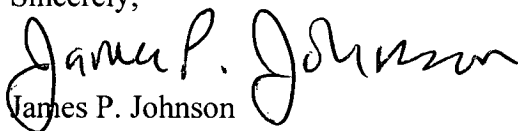
Dear Mr. Mielke:

Pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Chap. 49-22 and ordering paragraph 7 of the "Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order" dated May 12, 2000 in Case Nos. PU-400-99-418 and PU-400-98-246 ("Merger Order"), Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy ("Xcel Energy" or "New NSP") submits an original and seven (7) copies of its "Application for an Order Transferring Corridor Certificates and Route Permits From Predecessor Northern States Power Company" ("Application").

The Merger Order required Xcel Energy to submit this Application within 60 days of the Xcel Energy Inc. merger, which was completed on August 18, 2000. The Application seeks a Commission order transferring to New NSP Corridor Certificate Numbers 59 and 64 and Route Permit Numbers 39, 68 and 71, previously issued to "Old NSP" by the Commission's orders in Case Nos. 10,158, PU-400-88-122 and PU-400-89-426, respectively. As discussed in the Merger Order, the rights, assets and obligations of Old NSP in North Dakota were transferred to its successor New NSP as part of the Xcel Energy Inc. merger.

Xcel Energy believes this Application fully complies with ordering paragraph 7 of the Merger Order and N.D.C.C. Chap. 49-22. Please direct any questions regarding the Application to Mr. Dave Sederquist at (701) 241-8632 or the undersigned at (612) 215-4592.

Sincerely,


James P. Johnson
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**In the Matter of Application of
Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy
For an Order Transferring
Corridor Certificates And Route Permits
From Predecessor Northern States Power Company**

APPLICATION

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to N.D. Cent. Code Chap. 49-22 and the Commission's "Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order" issued May 12, 2000 in Case Nos. PU-400-99-418 and PU-400-98-246 (the "Merger Order"), Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy hereby applies for an order transferring Corridor Certificate Numbers 59 and 64 and Route Permit Numbers 39, 68 and 71 from Northern States Power Company (Minnesota) (hereafter "Old NSP") to Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (hereafter "New NSP" or "the Company").

This application is required by the Merger Order, which approved the merger of Old NSP with New Century Energies, Inc. ("NCE") to form Xcel Energy Inc., a registered holding company under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935. The Company is a utility operating company subsidiary of Xcel Energy Inc. which provides electric and natural service in North Dakota as the successor to the electric and natural gas assets, operations and obligations of Old NSP, which were assigned to New NSP contemporaneous with the merger. The merger transaction closed on August 18, 2000.

**Northern States Power Company d/b/a/ Xcel Energy
Application to Transfer Corridor Certificates
and Route Permits from Old NSP
Case No. PU-400-00-_____**

Old NSP held certain Corridor Certificates and Route Permits granted by the Commission pursuant to N.D. Cent. Code Chap. 49-22. Ordering paragraph 7 of the Merger Order states as follows:

NSP shall file an application to transfer the certificates of corridor compatibility and route permits it currently holds under N.D.C.C. Chapter 49-22 within sixty (60) days of merger closing.

The purpose of this Application is to comply with the Merger Order and obtain a Commission order transferring Corridor Certificate Numbers 59 and 64 (“the Certificates”) and Route Permit Numbers 39, 68 and 71 (“the Route Permits”) from Old NSP to New NSP, the public utility now providing electric and natural gas service in North Dakota. In support of thereof, the Company states as follows:

II. GENERAL FILING INFORMATION

A. Name and Address of Applicant

Pursuant to the Commission’s 1992 “How to File” guidelines, the name and address of the public utility submitting this Application is:

Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy
Attn: David M. Sparby
Vice President, Regulatory Services
414 Nicollet Mall – 4th Floor
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

The North Dakota regional office of Xcel Energy is located at:

Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy
Attn: David Sederquist
Manager, Regulatory Affairs
2302 Great Northern Drive
Fargo, North Dakota 58102
Phone: (701) 241-8632

B. Other Representatives Designated for Service

In addition to the representatives named above, the Company requests the following counsel be placed on the Commission's official service list for this proceeding:

James P. Johnson
Assistant General Counsel
Xcel Energy Services, Inc.
800 Nicollet Mall – Suite 2900
Minneapolis, MN 55401
Phone: (612) 215 4592
Fax: (612) 215-4544

Daniel S. Kuntz
Zuger, Kirmis & Smith
316 N. 5th Street – 6th Floor
P.O. Box 1695
Bismarck, ND 58501
Phone: (701) 223-2711
Fax: (701) 223-9619

III. THE PROPOSED TRANSFER SATISFIES N.D.C.C. CHAPTER 49-22

A. Statutory Framework

The fundamental purpose of N.D.C.C. Chap. 49-22 is to provide Commission authority to review the location, construction and operation of “energy conversion facilities” or “transmission facilities” prior to their construction, in order to “produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of this state....” See N.D.C.C. § 49-22-02. The statute thus prohibits the construction of energy conversion facilities or transmission facilities until the Commission has granted a corridor certificate and/or route permit. *Id.* In addition, N.D.C.C. § 49-22-07 provides as follows:

The [energy conversion or transmission] facility must be ...operated, and maintained in conformity with the certificate or permit and any terms, conditions, or modifications of the certificate or permit. A certificate or permit may be transferred, subject to the approval of the Commission, to any person who agrees to comply with its terms, conditions and modifications.

**Northern States Power Company d/b/a/ Xcel Energy
Application to Transfer Corridor Certificates
and Route Permits from Old NSP
Case No. PU-400-00-_____**

N.D.C.C. § 49-22-08, Subd. 4, further states that “An application for an amendment of a certificate shall be in such form and contain such information as the commission shall prescribe.” In preparing this Application, the Company included information similar to the information included by applicants in similar proceedings for transfer of corridor certificates and route permits. *See* Bear Paw Energy, Inc., Case No. PU-2031-00-253, application dated May 26, 2000 and Order dated August 30, 2000.

B. This Application Meets the Requirements for a Transfer

The Company respectfully submits that transfer of the Certificates and Route Permits from Old NSP to New NSP meets the requirements of N.D.C.C. Chap. 49-22, as follows:

1. On June 29, 1981, in Case No. 10,158, the Commission issued “Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order” granting Old NSP a route permit (Route Permit 39) for a proposed construction project in which NSP would up-rate 4 miles of 115 kV transmission line facilities in Cass County, North Dakota to 230 kV. The up-rating would use the existing route and pole structures, but required replacement of the existing string insulators with strut insulators and “vee string” insulators and increasing the structure height to meet the requirements of the National Electric Safety Code for 230 kV transmission facilities. In addition, NSP would install a new 230/115 kV substation in Barnes County, North Dakota.

The order waived the filing of a certificate of corridor compatibility, and granted a route permit as shown on the map attached to the order. See Attachment 1. The order

provided that Old NSP's obligation for reclamation under this Order shall continue throughout the life of the powerline (ordering paragraph 14).

Old NSP then proceeded to construct the proposed electric transmission facilities, and continued to own, operate and maintain the facilities until the merger effective date. Since the merger date, New NSP has owned, operated and maintained the facilities.

2. On March 7, 1989, in Case No. PU-400-88-122, the Commission issued "Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order" granting Old NSP a certificate of site compatibility (Certificate No. 59) and a route permit (Route Permit 68) for a proposed construction project in which NSP would up-rate approximately 6.6 miles of 115 kV transmission line in Grand Forks County, North Dakota to 230 kV. The up-rating would use the existing route and pole structures whenever possible, but required replacement of the existing string insulators with strut insulators and "vee string" insulators and increasing the height of some structures to meet the requirements of the National Electric Safety Code for 230 kV transmission facilities. In addition, NSP would install approximately 1000 feet of new 230 kV transmission facilities at each end of the line to connect to 230 kV substations owned and operated by the Western Area Power Administration and Minnkota Power Cooperative, respectively. The total project cost was estimated at \$670,000.

The order waived the procedures and time schedules otherwise required by N.D.C.C. Chap. 49-22, and granted Old NSP a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit as shown on the map attached to the order. See Attachment 2. The order

provided that Old NSP's obligation for reclamation under this Order shall continue throughout the life of the powerline (ordering paragraph 13).

Old NSP then proceeded to construct the proposed up-rate and new facilities, and continued to own, operate and maintain the facilities until the merger effective date. Since the merger date, New NSP has owned, operated and maintained the facilities.

3. On July 21, 1992, in Case No. PU-400-89-426, the Commission issued "Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order" authorizing Old NSP to construct an 11.9 mile, 12.75 inch intra-state natural gas transmission pipeline to connect the Old NSP natural gas distribution system in Fargo, North Dakota, to the interstate natural gas pipeline system of Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company ("WBI"). The proposed project was part of the joint project with WBI to transport natural gas produced in western North Dakota to Old NSP for end use consumption in eastern North Dakota. The total project cost was estimated at \$2.6 million.

The order granted Certificate of Site Compatibility for a Transmission Facility Corridor No. 64, and Permit for Construction of a Transmission Facility No. 71 to Old NSP, as set forth on the map attached to the order. See Attachment 3. The order also required Old NSP to operate the pipeline in a manner described in its application (ordering paragraph 8), and provided that Old NSP's obligation for reclamation and maintenance of the right of way shall continue throughout the life of the pipeline (ordering paragraph 16).

Old NSP then proceeded to construct the proposed natural gas transmission facilities, and continued to own, operate and maintain the facilities until the merger

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effective date. Since the merger date, New NSP has owned, operated and maintained the facilities.

4. Pursuant to the “Agreement and Plan of Merger” between Old NSP and NCE dated March 24, 1999, and pursuant to the Merger Order, Old NSP and NCE merged on August 18, 2000, with Old NSP the surviving corporation; Old NSP was renamed Xcel Energy Inc., and registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission under PUHCA; and all the electric and natural gas utility assets and obligations of Old NSP in North Dakota, Minnesota and South Dakota were transferred to Northern States Power Company, a newly incorporated Minnesota Corporation (e.g., New NSP). The electric and natural gas assets of Old NSP, including the transmission facilities of subject to the Certificates and Route Permits, were transferred to New NSP at the net book value shown on the books and records of Old NSP as of the merger date.

5. Pursuant to the Merger Order, New NSP is authorized to provide electric and natural gas utility service in the State of North Dakota. Specifically, the Merger Order approved the transfer of all authorities and certificates of public convenience and necessity held by NSP to New NSP. See ordering paragraph 5.

6. New NSP is a public utility providing electric service at retail to more than 1.1 million customers the traditional Old NSP service area of North Dakota, Minnesota and South Dakota, with approximately 83,500 customers in North Dakota; and natural gas service at retail to more than 406,000 customers in the traditional Old NSP service area of North Dakota and Minnesota, with approximately 37,600 customers in North Dakota. As described in the merger application, the Company owns and operates

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approximately 2,350 circuit miles of high voltage transmission facilities (115 kV and above), and 116 miles of natural gas transmission mains. The total net book value of the property, plant and equipment of New NSP exceeds \$3.5 billion (pro forma 12 months ending March 31, 1999), and total electric and natural gas operating revenues of New NSP exceed \$2.6 billion annually (pro forma 12 months ending March 31, 1999). See merger application, Schedule J-1 and J-2.

New NSP will operate and maintain the various electric and gas transmission facilities which are subject to the Certificates and Route Permits as public utility facilities in North Dakota in the same manner and for the same purposes as Old NSP. Except as specifically provided in the Merger Order, the rates and tariffs of New NSP in North Dakota will be the same as the rates and tariffs of Old NSP. The senior management and operational supervisors of the Company's North Dakota regional operation remain (for the most part) unchanged from those in place prior to the merger effective date. This assures continuity of operations.

New NSP clearly has the expertise and financial capability to fulfill all the terms, conditions and modifications mandated by the Certificates and the Route Permits. The proposed transfer would serve the public interest and should be approved.

7. Pursuant to the Affidavit dated October 16, 2000, from a corporate officer of Xcel Energy Inc., the original of which is attached as Attachment 5, New NSP agrees to comply with the terms, conditions and modifications contained in the Certificates and Route Permits.

C. Requested Commission Action

New NSP thus respectfully requests the Commission approve the transfer of Corridor Certificates 59 and 64 and Route Permits 39, 68 and 71 from Old NSP to New NSP as consistent with the Merger Order and compatible with the public interest. New NSP requests that the Commission not schedule a hearing on this matter, but instead waive any requirement for a hearing and publish a notice and opportunity for hearing.¹

IV. SUPPORTING ATTACHMENTS

This Application includes the following Attachments in support of the request:

1. Copy of Route Permit No. 39 granted in Case No. 10,158;
2. Copy of Corridor Certificate No. 59 and Route Permit No. 68 granted in Case No. PU-400-88-122;
3. Copy of Corridor Certificate No. 64 and Route Permit No. 71 granted in Case No. PU-400-89-426;
4. Affidavit of David M. Sparby.

V. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy respectfully request the Commission issue an order transferring Corridor Certificates 59

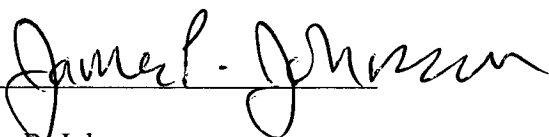
¹ If a hearing were requested after the notice, the Commission could determine the appropriate procedural action at that time.

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and 64 and Route Permit Numbers 39, 68 and 71 from Old NSP to Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy.

Please direct any questions regarding this Notice to the undersigned at (612) 215 4592 or to Mr. David Sederquist at (701) 241-8632.

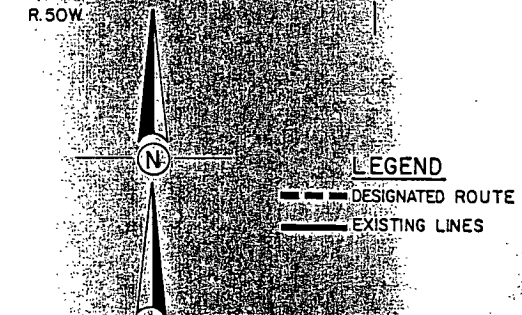
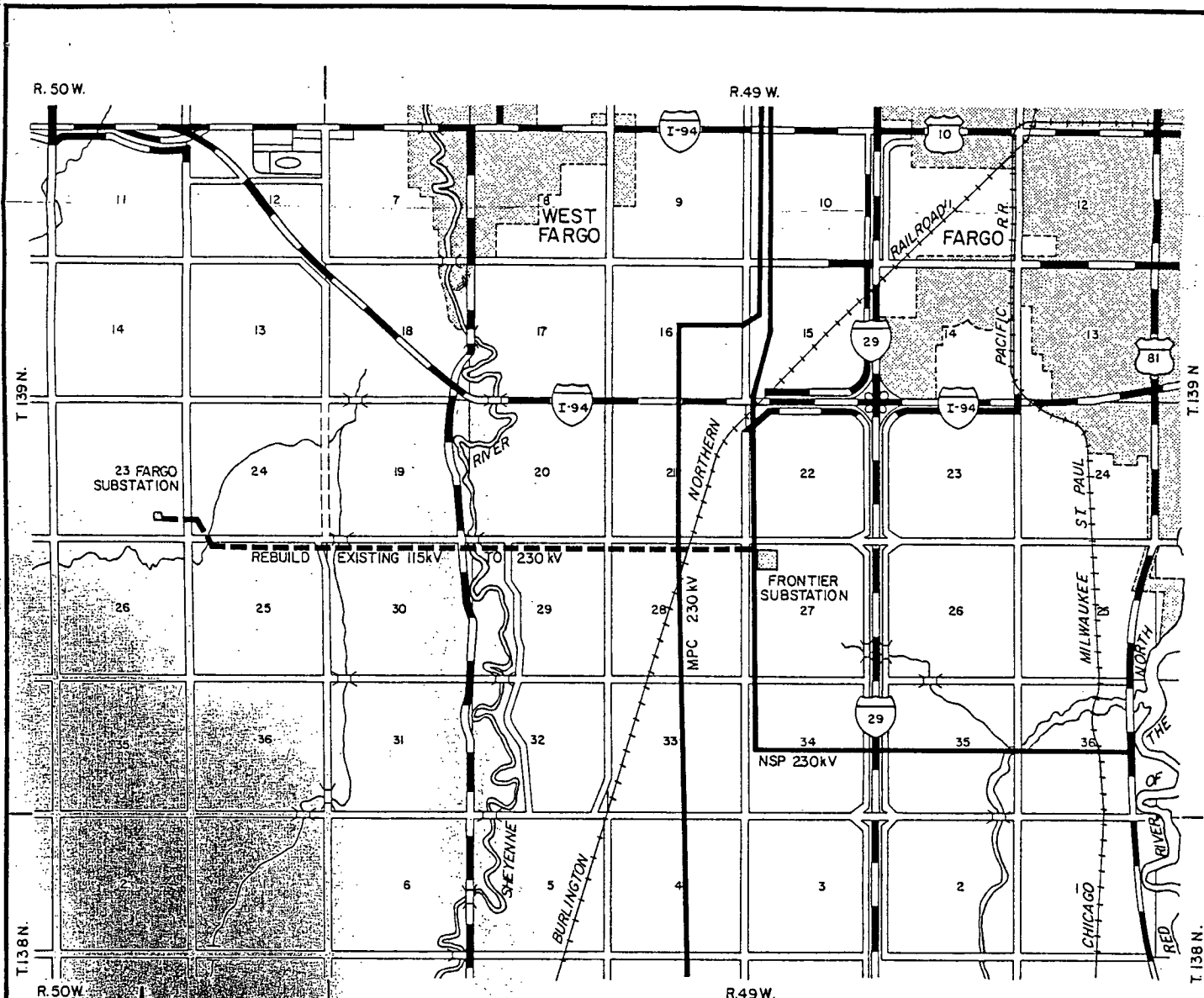
Respectfully Submitted,

By: 

James P. Johnson
Assistant General Counsel
Xcel Energy Services Inc., Agent for
Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy

Date: October 16, 2000

Attachment 1



NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY UPRATING 4 MILES OF TRANS- MISSION LINE FROM 115KV TO 230KV AND CONSTRUCTION OF FRONTIER SUBSTATION	CASS COUNTY NORTH DAKOTA	DOCKET NO. 10,158
	DESIGNATED ROUTE	DATE 6-29-81
	PREPARED BY NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION	DRAWN BY F. E. C.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Permit for the Construction of a Transmission Facility

Permit No 39

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That the Commission has designated a transmission facility route for Northern States
Power Company, which is described as follows:

Uprate of approximately 4 miles of electric transmission facilities
from 115 kV to 230 kV extending from the Fargo Substation to the
proposed Frontier Substation south of Fargo in Cass County, North Dakota

The facility may be routed in compliance with the transmission facility routing criteria. This permit is issued in accordance with the order of the Commission dated June 29, 1981, in Case No. 10,158 and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted thereon.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 29th
day of June, 1981.

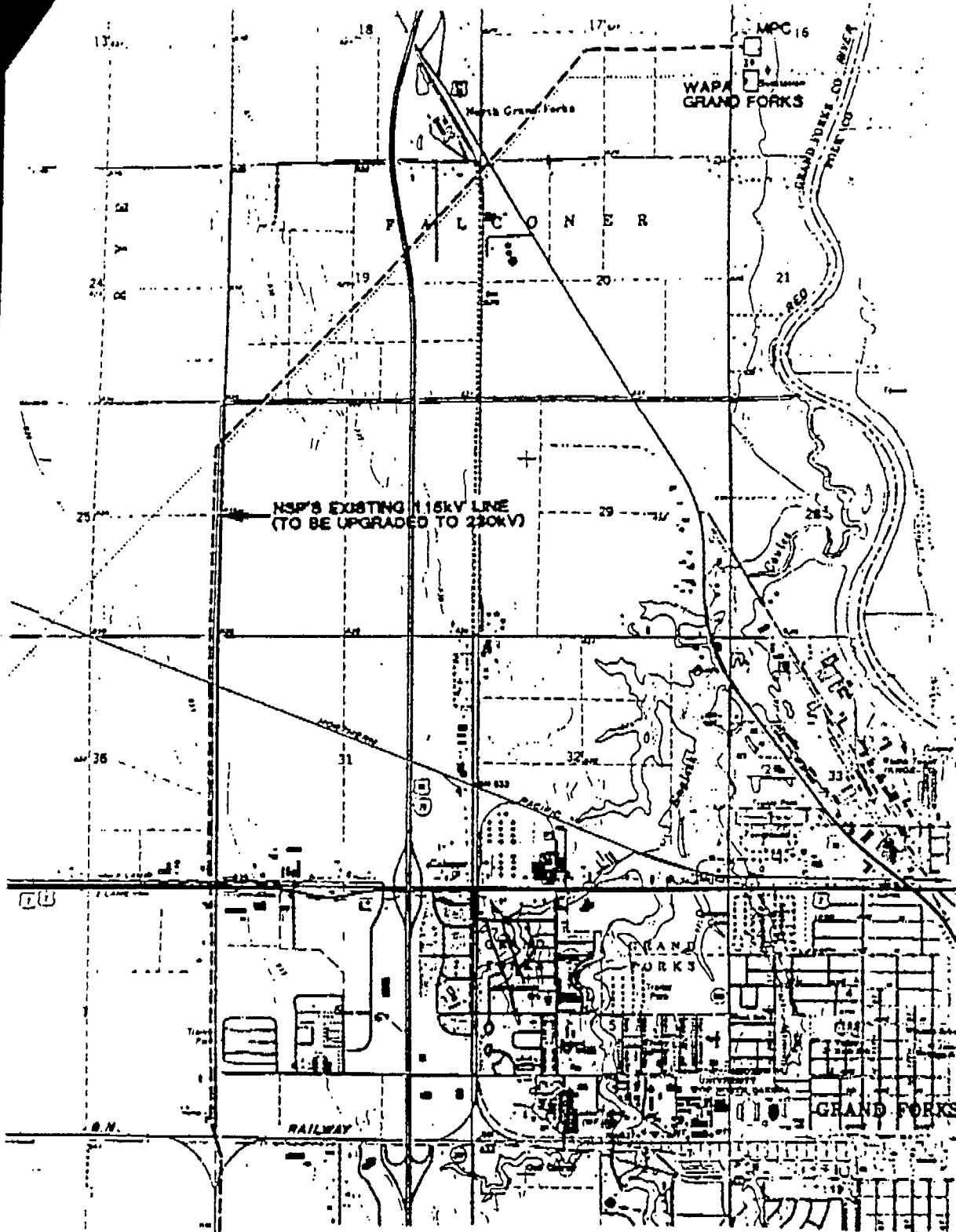
ATTEST:

Jamie A. Suter
Secretary.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION:

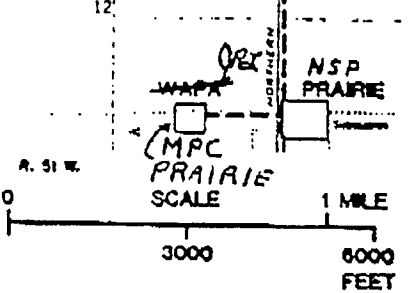
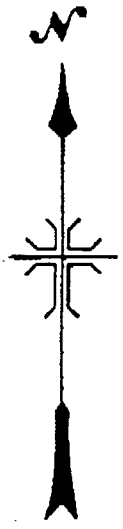
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Attachment 2



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**NORTHERN STATES
POWER COMPANY**
UPGRADED 115KV TO 230KV
PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE
ROUTE

**GRAND FORKS COUNTY
NORTH DAKOTA**
DOCKET NO.
PU-400-88-122
PREPARED BY
NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DATE
8-3-88
DRAWN
BY
F. E. C.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Site Compatibility for Transmission Facility Corridor

Certificate No 59

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That the Commission has designated a transmission facility corridor for Northern States
Power Company, which is described as follows:

a 230 kV transmission line which is approximately 6.6 miles long extending from Western Area Power Administration's Grand Forks substation and Minnkota Power Cooperative's Falconer substation located approximately 3 miles NE of Grand Forks, North Dakota, to Northern States Power Company's Prairie substation and Minnkota's Prairie substation located approximately 1 mile west of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

The facility may be routed in this designated corridor in compliance with the transmission facility routing criteria. This certificate is issued in accordance with the order of the Commission dated March 7, 1989, in Case No. PU-400-88-122 and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted thereon.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 7th
day of March, 19 89.

ATTEST:

Jeanette E. Ekin
Secretary.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION:

By [Signature]
Commissioner.

EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Permit for the Construction of a Transmission Facility

Permit No. 68

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That the Commission has designated a transmission facility route for Northern States
Power Company, which is described as follows:

a 230 kV transmission line which is approximately 6.6 miles long extending from Western Area Power Administration's Grand Forks substation and Minnkota Power Cooperative's Falconer substation located approximately 3 miles NE of Grand Forks, North Dakota, to Northern States Power Company's Prairie substation and Minnkota's Prairie substation located approximately 1 mile west of Grand Forks, North Dakota

The facility may be routed in compliance with the transmission facility routing criteria. This permit is issued in accordance with the order of the Commission dated March 7, 1989, in Case No. PU-400-38-122 and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted thereon.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 7th
day of March, 19 89.

ATTEST:

Janet E. Egan
Secretary.

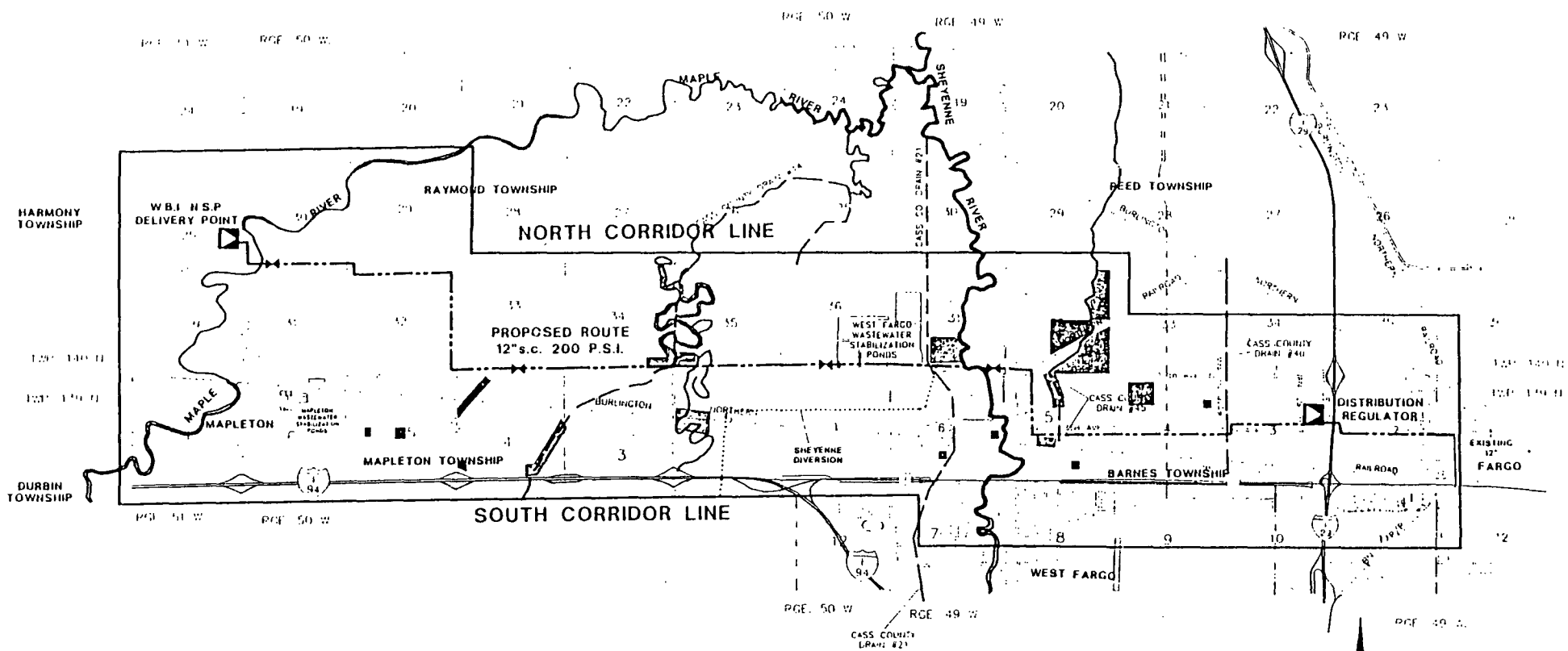
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION:






By Bruce Hoyer
Commissioner.

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Attachment 3

CASS COUNTY



-  WETLANDS AREA
-  RIVERS/STREAMS
-  COUNTY DRAIN
-  SHEYENNE DIVERSION
-  VALVE

DATE		DRAWN BY		CHECKED BY	
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STREAMS AND WETLANDS MAP					
DATE: 11/11/11					
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CHECKED BY: J.S.					
PROJECT NO: 11275					
NSP					

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Site Compatibility for Transmission Facility Corridor

Certificate No 64

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That the Commission has designated a transmission facility corridor for Northern States
Power Company, which is described as follows:

a three mile wide corridor originating in Township 140N, Range 51W, Section 25 and extending to
Township 139N, Range 49W, Section 1, as shown on the attached map.

The facility may be routed in this designated corridor in compliance with the transmission facility routing criteria.
This certificate is issued in accordance with the order of the Commission dated July 21, 1992, in Case
No. PU-400-89-426 and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted thereon.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 21st
day of July, 1992.

ATTEST:

Janet Elkin
Secretary.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION:

By Les M. Renbold
Commissioner.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Permit for the Construction of a Transmission Facility

Permit No 71

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That the Commission has designated a transmission facility route for Northern States

Power Company, which is described as follows:

Approximately 11.9 miles of natural gas pipeline originating in Township 140N, Range 51W, Section 25 and extending to Township 139N, Range 49W, Section 3 as shown on the attached map.

The facility may be routed in compliance with the transmission facility routing criteria. This permit is issued in accordance with the order of the Commission dated July 21, 1992, in Case No. PU-400-89-42 and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted thereon.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 21st
day of July, 1992.

ATTEST:

Janet Elhara
Secretary.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION:

By Leo M Rembold
Commissioner.

Attachment 4

Affidavit of David M. Sparby

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of)	
Northern States Power Company)	
d/b/a Xcel Energy For an Order)	Case No. PU-400-00-___
Transferring Corridor Certificates)	
and Route Permits From Predecessor)	
Northern States Power Company)	

**AFFIDAVIT OF
DAVID M. SPARBY**

The undersigned, being first duly sworn under oath, declares and states as follows:

1. My name is David M. Sparby, and my business address is Xcel Energy, 414 Nicollet Mall – 4th Floor, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401.
2. I am Vice President, Regulatory Services for Xcel Energy Services Inc., the service company subsidiary of Xcel Energy Inc. Xcel Energy Inc. is a registered holding company created by the merger of Northern States Power Company (“Old NSP”) and New Century Energies, Inc. (“NCE”), as authorized in the “Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order” (“Merger Order”) of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) dated May 12, 2000, in Case Nos. PU-400-99-418 and PU-400-98-246.
3. As an officer of Xcel Energy Services Inc., I am authorized to perform certain duties on behalf of the utility operating company subsidiaries of Xcel Energy Inc. Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (“New NSP”) is a utility

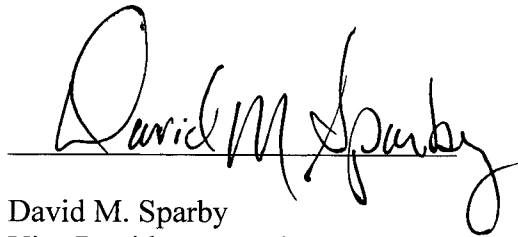
operating company subsidiary of Xcel Energy Inc. providing, *inter alia*, electric and natural gas service at retail in North Dakota, Minnesota and South Dakota.

4. New NSP is submitting this Application requesting the Commission to approve the transfer to New NSP of Corridor Certificate Nos. 59 and 64 (the “Certificates”) and Route Permit Nos. 39, 68 and 71 (the “Route Permits”), previously granted to Old NSP by orders of the Commission, all as required by the Merger Order and N.D.C.C. Chap. 49-22.
5. The merger transactions were completed on August 18, 2000. The Merger Order required New NSP to submit this Application within 60 days of the merger transactions. See ordering paragraph 7.
6. The merger transactions included transferring to New NSP ownership of all electric and natural gas utility assets of Old NSP in the State of North Dakota, including the electric and natural gas transmission facilities constructed, owned and operated subject to the Certificates and Route Permits, as contemplated by the Merger Order.
7. It is anticipated the Commission will issue an order in the above-captioned proceeding;
8. If the Commission issues an order approving this Application:
 - (a) New NSP intends to own, operate and maintain the electric and natural gas transmission facilities constructed pursuant to the Certificates and Route Permits in substantially the same manner as prior to the merger transactions;
 - (b) New NSP understands and agrees the authorizations granted by said Certificates and Route Permits are subject to modification by Commission order if

deemed necessary to further protect the public or the environment; and

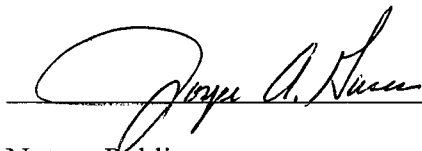
(c) New NSP will comply with the terms, conditions and modifications contained in such Certificates and Route Permits and the Commission orders in Case Nos. 10,158, PU-400-88-122 and PU-400-89-426, respectively.

9. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained in the Application is true and correct.

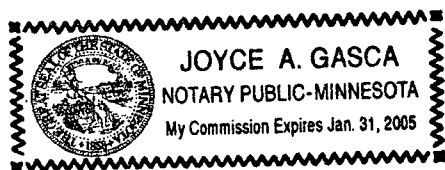


David M. Sparby
Vice President, Regulatory Services
Xcel Energy Services Inc., agent for
Northern States Power Company

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 16th day of October, 2000.



Notary Public



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