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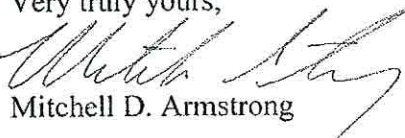
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Re: Northern States Power Company
 Fargo-Monticello MN 345 kV Cap-X Transmission Line
 Siting Application
 Case No.: PU-07-759

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

This letter is intended to serve as a retainer letter in the above-referenced matter. As we have discussed, my fees for representation in the above-referenced matter will be \$135.00 per hour plus expenses. We will submit our bills on a monthly basis or otherwise as required by the Public Service Commission or the Attorney General's office. Please have an appropriate representative sign below if the above terms of representation are acceptable to the Commission. I look forward to working with you and the Commission on these matters.


Very truly yours,

Mitchell D. Armstrong

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