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January 16, 2012

Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
Department 408
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation ("Xcel Energy" or the "Company"), applicant in the above referenced proceeding, provides an original and ten (10) copies (and an electronic copy) of the concurrence of the North Dakota State Historical Preservation Office in the Company's "Class I Literature Search and Class II Architectural Survey, Cass County, North Dakota" ("Historical Report") to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (the "Commission"). The Company filed the abstract of the Historical Report with the Commission on January 13, 2012.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Darrin F. Lahr

Supervisor, Siting and Land Rights,
Xcel Energy Services Inc., as agent for
Northern States Power Company,
a Minnesota corporation

cc: Erik Johnson
Merlan Paaverud, Jr., State Historical Society of North Dakota
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NDSHPO REF.: 11-0928A PSC Xcel Energy and Great River Energy CapX2020 Fargo to St. Cloud 345kV Transmission Line Project "Class I Literature Search and Class II Architectural History Reconnaissance Survey, Cass County, North Dakota"

Dear Ms. Murphy,

We reviewed NDSHPO REF.: 11-0928A PSC Xcel Energy and Great River Energy CapX2020 Fargo to St. Cloud 345kV Transmission Line Project "Class I Literature Search and Class II Architectural History Reconnaissance Survey, Cass County, North Dakota" and find the captioned report acceptable.

If consulted by a federal or state agency, we would concur with "No Historic Properties Affected" and "No Significant Sites Affected" determinations provided for the surveyed portions of the visual APE of the project, provided it remains as described and mapped in the report.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. We look forward to review of the remaining approximately 573 acres and the Bison Substation section of the project (archaeological report). If you have questions please contact Susan Quinnell at squinnell@nd.gov or (701) 328-3576.

Sincerely,

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

C: Mr. Patrick Fahn, PSC

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