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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 following information to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (the “Commission”):

- Management Summary of the Class I Literature Search and Class III Intensive Archaeological Investigation (“Archeological Report”);
- Abstract of the Class I Literature Search and Class II Architectural History Reconnaissance Survey, Cass County, North Dakota (“Historical Report”);
- Concurrence of the North Dakota State Historical Office (“SHPO”) in the finding of the Archeological Report; and
- Maps showing the proposed placement of the structures for the Fargo Project and the location of the proposed Bison Substation.

The Company has submitted the Archeological and Historical Reports to the SHPO for their review and comments. As shown by the enclosed concurrence,

SHPO has reviewed the Archeological Report and concurs with its findings. The Company understands that SHPO is still reviewing the Historical Report and we will provide the Commission with the SHPO's comments to that report promptly after receiving them. Further, and consistent with Commission policy, and the request of Commission Staff, the Company is providing only the executive summary of the Archeological Report and Historical Report to prevent the exact location of any historical or archeological sites from being publicly available in the record. The Company will gladly provide full copies of these reports upon request.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darrin F. Lahr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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  
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