

April 7, 2008

Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol
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Re: In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation, for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in North Dakota
Case No. PU-07-776

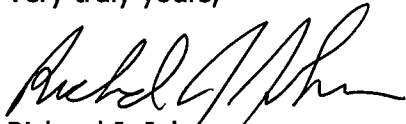
Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Enclosed please find the original and seven copies of the Motion for the Admission Pro Hac Vice of Richard J. Johnson and the Affidavit of Richard J. Johnson in the above-entitled Docket.

Copies of the documents have also been sent to the State Board of Law Examiners and to all counsel in this Docket.

Please contact me if further information is required.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures
cc: Parties of record
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**MOTION FOR THE ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE OF
RICHARD J. JOHNSON**

Pursuant to North Dakota Supreme Court Rule 3 and NDAC § 69-02-01-06, Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (“Xcel Energy”) operating in North Dakota, seeks leave of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) to permit Richard J. Johnson to appear before the Commission to represent Xcel Energy in the above-entitled Docket. Mr. Johnson will co-counsel with Megan J. Hertzler, in-house counsel to Xcel Energy who is licensed to practice in North Dakota.

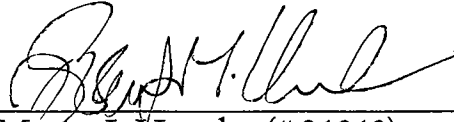
As stated in the attached Affidavit of Richard J. Johnson, he is admitted to practice and in good standing with the bar of the State of Minnesota. He is not subject to any disciplinary action in any jurisdiction, he is not under any restrictions or probation in the practice of law in any jurisdiction where he is licensed, and he is not suspended or disbarred from any court in any jurisdiction. He has not previously appeared before the Commission.

Mr. Johnson has extensive experience representing public utility clients in rate cases. His previous experience in these matters will assist the Commission with the issues of this Docket.

Mr. Johnson is a reputable attorney and the undersigned attorney recommends his admission to practice before the Commission in the above-entitled Docket.

Dated: April 7, 2008

Respectfully submitted,



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AFFIDAVIT OF RICHARD J. JOHNSON

In support of the Motion for Pro Hac Vice, Richard J. Johnson, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that:

1. My name is Richard J. Johnson. I am a shareholder of Moss & Barnett, located at 4800 Wells Fargo Center, 90 South Seventh Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402.
2. I am a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Minnesota since 1975.
3. I am not presently subject to any disciplinary action by the bar or courts of the State of Minnesota or of any other court; nor under any restrictions or probation in the practice of law in any jurisdiction where I am licensed. I have not been suspended or disbarred from a court in any jurisdiction.
4. I have not appeared before the North Dakota Public Service Commission during the past three years, and have not previously registered under Rule 3 of the North Dakota Admission to Practice Rules.
5. The information contained in the Motion for the Admission Pro Hac Vice of Richard J. Johnson, filed contemporaneously with this Affidavit, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Richard J. Johnson

SWORN TO BEFORE ME this
7th day of April 2008



NOTARY PUBLIC