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Darrell Nitschke, Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building, Dept 408
600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 59505-0480

**RE: MOTION TO AMEND ORDER
ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE APPLICATION
CASE NO. PU-07-776**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy or the Company), respectfully requests the North Dakota Public Service Commission (the Commission) amend its December 31, 2008 Order in the above-referenced case. Please contact me at 701-241-8632 if you have any questions concerning this filing.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David H. Sederquist'.

DAVID H. SEDERQUIST
SENIOR REGULATORY AND FINANCIAL CONSULTANT

**STATE NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Northern States Power Company
Electric Rate Increase Application

Case No. PU-07-776

MOTION TO AMEND ORDER

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy or the Company), respectfully requests the North Dakota Public Service Commission (the Commission) amend its December 31, 2008 Order in the above referenced case.

The Order approved terms of a Settlement Agreement, entered into by the Company and Commission Advocacy Staff on December 22, 2008, requiring the Company to file an Advance Determination of Prudence (ADP) for all transmission line projects at least 50 miles in length. The purpose of this request is to remove the requirement to file an ADP for these types of transmission projects.

The Company believes an ADP is unnecessary given the significant role that the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) plays in transmission planning and approval, and this Commission's ongoing oversight of transmission projects through the Company's annual Transmission Cost Recovery Rider filings.

Section B of the Settlement Agreement approved by this Commission on December 31, 2008, requires that:

In accordance with N.D.C.C. §49-05-16 the Company agrees to file for an ADP finding from the Commission for all proposed new construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of an energy conversion facility, renewable energy facility, transmission facility or proposed energy purchase which:

1. The Company proposes to allocate all or part of the related costs to the North Dakota jurisdiction for recovery in electric rates; and
2. The capacity of the generation facility or purchase is at least 50 MW; and/or the length of the transmission facility is at least 50 miles long.

As a result of recent discussions with the Commission Staff, the Company believes that given 1) MISO's existing role in transmission line project planning and approval, and 2) the Commission's ability to review transmission projects and approve cost recovery via the Company's annual TCR dockets, the filing of an ADP should no longer be a requirement for these qualifying transmission line projects.

Dated: July 28, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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PROPOSED ORDER

On July 28, 2016, the Company filed a Motion to Amend the Commission's order in the above referenced case for the limited purpose of removing the requirement to file an ADP for all qualifying transmission line projects.

Based on the facts and circumstances described in the motion, the Motion to Amend is hereby **granted**.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Commissioner