

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company  
Electric Rate Increase  
Application

Case No. PU-07-776

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **6th day of October, 2016**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Notice of Opportunity for Hearing**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

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**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** further deposes and says that on the **6th day of October, 2016**, she electronically mailed one copy of the same.

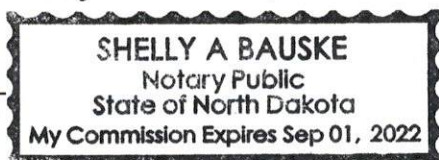
The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

Sagonna Thompson  
[regulatory.records@excelenergy.com](mailto:regulatory.records@excelenergy.com)

The addresses shown are the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office and electronic mail address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **6th day of October, 2016**.

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*Geralyn R. Schmaltz*

*Shelly A. Bauske*  
Notary Public

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING  
October 5, 2016

On July 28, 2016, Northern States Power Company (NSP dba Xcel Energy) filed a Motion to Amend Order. The Order dated December 31, 2008 approved terms of a Settlement Agreement in Case No. PU-07-776. Section B2. of the Settlement Agreement requires the Company to file for an Advanced Determination of Prudence (ADP) before constructing transmission facilities that are at least 50 miles long. The Company believes an ADP for transmission facilities is no longer necessary given the role that the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) plays in transmission planning and the Commission's ongoing oversight of transmission projects through the Company's annual Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Rider. The issue to be considered is whether the Commission's December 31, 2008 Order should be amended to remove NSP's ADP requirement for transmission facilities?

Comments and requests for a hearing must be received by **November 14, 2016**. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. If deemed appropriate, the commission can determine these matters without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission.

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