

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Northern States Power Company  
Advanced Determination of Prudence –  
150 MW Merricourt Wind Project  
Application**

**Case No. PU-08-908**

**Northern States Power Company  
Certificate of Public Convenience and  
Necessity  
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**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL**

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

**Janet Marquart** deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **four** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and each containing a photocopy of:

**Notice of Opportunity for Hearing**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

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dba Xcel Energy  
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Mr. Dave Sederquist  
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Northern States Power Co.  
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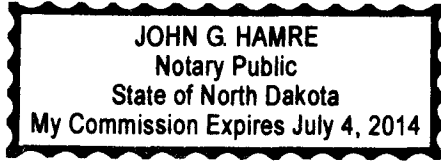
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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009.

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*Janet Marquart*  
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*John G. Hamre*  
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Notary Public

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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

**January 14, 2009**

On December 3, 2008, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application for Advanced Determination of Prudence and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for its proposed 150 MW Merricourt Wind Project located in the counties of McIntosh and Dickey, North Dakota.

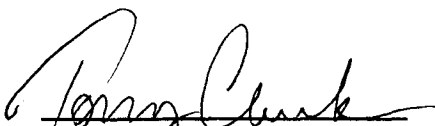
The issues to be considered in this matter are:


1. Whether public convenience and necessity will be served by the construction and ownership of the proposed facilities; and
2. Whether NSP is fit, willing and able to provide such service; and
3. Whether NSP's investment in the Merricourt Wind Project is prudent.

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by **February 27, 2009**. 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, Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary, at least 24 hours in advance.

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