

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
Application**

Case No. PU-08-910

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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 **20th** day of **January, 2009**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, 20 envelopes by first class mail, fully prepaid, securely sealed and each containing a photocopy and 25 electronic mail messages, each with an attached electronic copy of:

Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

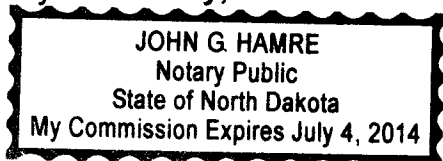
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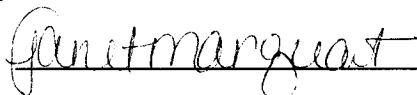
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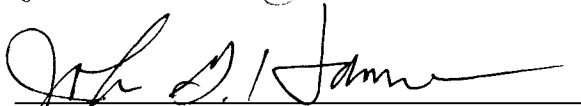
Each post office address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address and each email address is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable electronic mailing address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **20th** day of **January, 2009**.

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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.

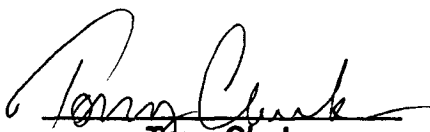
The issues to be considered in this matter are:

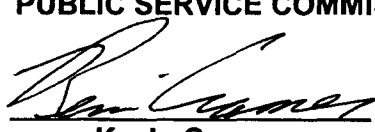
1. Whether public convenience and necessity will be served by the construction and ownership of the proposed facilities; and
2. Whether NSP is fit, willing and able to provide such service; and
3. Whether NSP's investment in the Merricourt Wind Project is prudent.

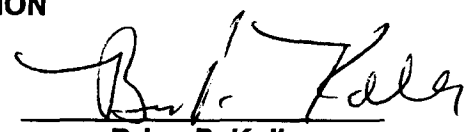
Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by **February 27, 2009**. If deemed 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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