

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**

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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.

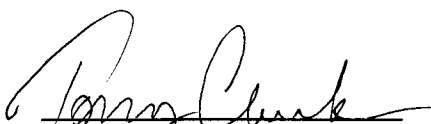
The issues to be considered in this matter are:

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.

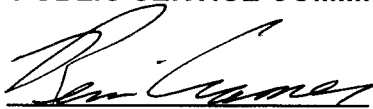
Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by **February 27, 2009**. If deemed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

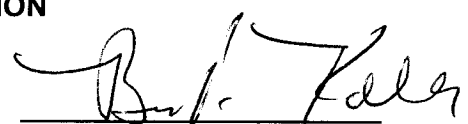
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