

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

**Northern States Power Company**  
**Advance Determination of Prudence – Bay**  
**Front**  
**Application**

**Case No. PU-09-216**

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED AND REGULAR 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 **31<sup>st</sup>** day of **July, 2009**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

**Notice of Opportunity for Hearing**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Mr James A Alders  
Northern States Power Company  
Xcel Energy  
414 Nicollet Mall, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Minneapolis MN 55401

**Cert. No. 7008 1830 0004 1758 9175**

**Janet Marquart** further deposes and says that on the **31<sup>st</sup>** day of **July, 2009**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **three** envelopes by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

Mr. Dave Sederquist  
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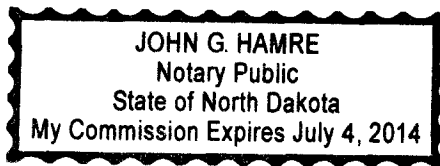
Ms. Kristina Bourget  
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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **31<sup>st</sup>** day of **July, 2009**.

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

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**July 29, 2009**

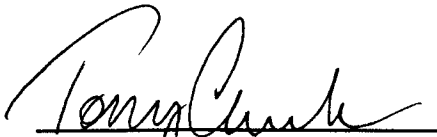
On May 27, 2009, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application for an advance determination of prudence for its proposed 20 MW Bay Front Project located in Northern Wisconsin. The Project will consist of installing a biomass gasification system to convert waste wood to synthetic gas to use for electric power generation.

The issue to be considered is whether NSP's proposed investment in the Bay Front 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 **September 14, 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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