

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Case No. PU-09-659

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED & 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 **27th** day of **November, 2009**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at 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
Director, Regulatory Administration
Xcel Energy
414 Nicollet Mall, 7th Floor
Minneapolis MN 55401

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Janet Marquart further deposes and says that on the **27th** day of **November, 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.

Ms. Megan J. Hertzler
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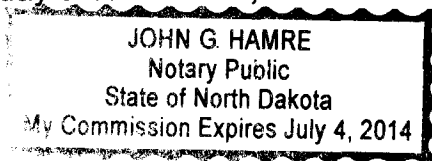
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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 27th day of **November, 2009.**

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Janet Marquart

John G. Hamre

Notary Public

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

November 25, 2009

On September 23, 2009, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application for an Advance Determination of Prudence for its proposed 20 MW Bay Front Project (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.

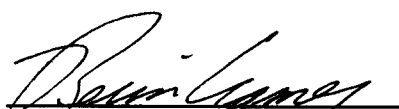
The issue to be considered is whether NSP's proposed investment in the Project is prudent.

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 **January 11, 2010**. 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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