



414 Nicollet Mall  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

March 2, 2010

Darrell Nitschke, Executive Director  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
State Capitol Building, Dept. 408  
600 East Boulevard  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: COMPLIANCE FILING  
CORPORATE DOCUMENTS  
CASE NO. PU-09-664

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (“Xcel Energy” or the “Company”) submits to the North Dakota Public Service Commission a certified copy and two additional copies of the following documents:

- Certificate of Good Standing issued by the North Dakota Secretary of State.
- Certificate of Good Standing issued by the Minnesota Secretary of State.

Please note that on September 30, 2009 and October 12, 2009, the Company submitted its Articles of Incorporation and Certificate of Authority, respectively, under the above-referenced Case No. PU-09-664. Those documents are still current and, as a result, we have not re-submitted them as a part of this filing.

Please feel free to contact Dave Sederquist at (701) 241-8632 if you have any questions.

SINCERELY,

/s/

PAUL LEHMAN  
MANAGER, REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION

Enclosures

# *State of North Dakota*

## SECRETARY OF STATE



### CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING OF

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, hereby certifies that NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, a Minnesota corporation, authorized to transact business in the State of North Dakota on April 10, 2001, and according to the records of this office as of this date, has paid all fees due this office as required by North Dakota statutes governing foreign corporations.

**ACCORDINGLY** the undersigned, as such Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Good Standing to

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

Issued: February 10, 2010

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alvin A. Jaeger".

Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State

State of Minnesota

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Certificate of Good Standing

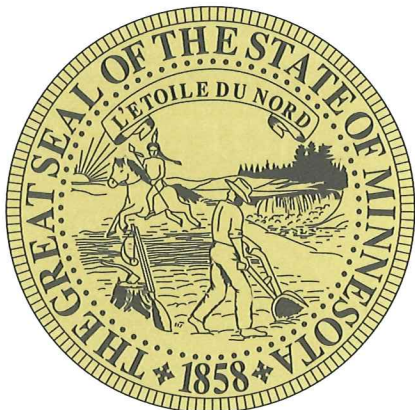
I, Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State of Minnesota, do certify that: The corporation listed below is a corporation formed under the laws of Minnesota; that the corporation was formed by the filing of Articles of Incorporation with the Office of the Secretary of State on the date listed below; that the corporation is governed by the chapter of Minnesota Statutes listed below; that this corporation is authorized to do business as a corporation at the time this certificate is issued; and that amendments to the articles of that corporation were filed on the dates listed below.

Name: Northern States Power Company

Date Formed: 03/08/2000

Chapter Governed By: 302A

Amendments Filed On:  
03/08/2000 ORIG FILING 414 Nicollet Mall MN 55401-  
Mpls  
NAME Northern Power Corporation



*Mark Ritchie*  
Secretary of State.

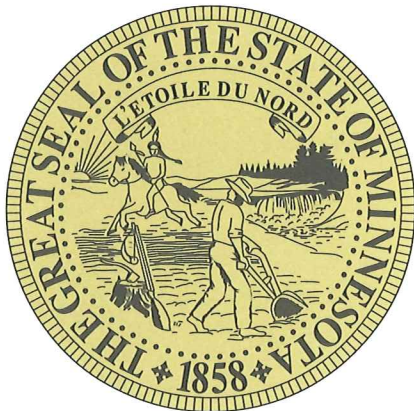
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08/21/2000 NAME	Northern States Power Company
02/01/2001 REG OFF	Corporation Service Company 33 S 6th Str Multifoods Twr Mpls MN 55402-
07/06/2005 REG OFF	Corporation Service Company 380 Jackson Str #418 St Paul MN 55101
08/30/2007 REG OFF	Corporation Service Company 380 Jackson Str #700 St Paul MN 55101

This certificate has been issued on 02/10/10.



*Mark Ritchie*  
Secretary of State.