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Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
Department 408  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
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 me at (701) 241-8632 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

DAVID SEDERQUIST  
SR. REGULATORY CONSULTANT

Enclosures

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Certificates of good standing - ND and MN

# *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: March 14, 2011

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

Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State

State of Minnesota

## SECRETARY OF STATE

### Certificate of Good Standing

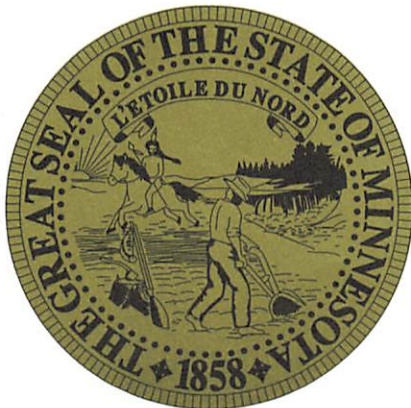
I, Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State of Minnesota, do certify that: The corporation listed below is a corporation formed under the laws of Minnesota; that the corporation was formed by the filing of Articles of Incorporation with the Office of the Secretary of State on the date listed below; that the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

Name: Northern States Power Company

Date Formed: 03/08/2000

Chapter Governed By: 302A

This certificate has been issued on 03/14/11.



*Mark Ritchie*  
Secretary of State