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February 9, 2012

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 submits to the North Dakota Public Service Commission an original 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. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David H. Sederquist'.

DAVID H. SEDERQUIST
SR. CONSULTANT, REGULATION/FINANCE

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: January 30, 2012

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alvin A. Jaeger".

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

**Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State
Certificate of Good Standing**

I, Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State of Minnesota, do certify that: The business entity listed below was filed pursuant to the Minnesota Chapter listed below with the Office of the Secretary of State on the date listed below and that this business entity is registered to do business and is in good standing at the time this certificate is issued.

Name: Northern States Power Company

Date filed: 03/08/2000

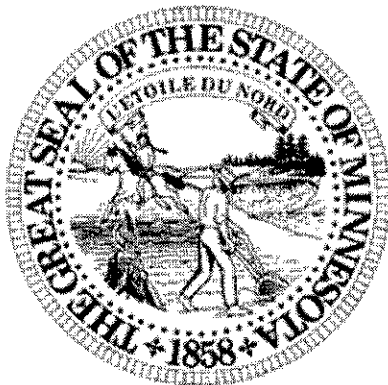
File Number: 11B-256

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter: 302A

Home Jurisdiction: Minnesota

This certificate reflects data thru: 12/01/2011

This certificate has been issued on: 02/07/2012



Mark Ritchie

Mark Ritchie
Secretary of State
State of Minnesota