

Rebuttal Testimony
James R. Alders

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY
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REBUTTAL TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
APPLICANTS' APRIL 29, 2011 COMPLIANCE FILING

OF

JAMES R. ALDERS

On Behalf of

APPLICANTS

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA
CORPORATION,

AND

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

July 20, 2011

Joint Exhibit 15

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2 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND EMPLOYMENT ADDRESS.**

3 A. My name is James R. Alders and my business address is 414 Nicollet Mall,
4 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401.

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6 **Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND WHAT IS YOUR POSITION?**

7 A. I am employed by Xcel Energy Services Inc., the service company provider for
8 Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (“Xcel Energy”).
9 My current position is Director, Regulatory Administration.

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11 **Q. FOR WHOM ARE YOU TESTIFYING?**

12 A. I am testifying on behalf of Xcel Energy and Otter Tail Power Company
13 (“Otter Tail”), Applicants in this proceeding.

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15 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE?**

16 A. I graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1973 with a Bachelor of
17 Science degree in Urban Studies. I joined Xcel Energy’s predecessor
18 immediately after college and have been with Xcel Energy my entire
19 professional career. I received a Master’s degree in Business Administration
20 from the University of St. Thomas in 1991.

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22 Throughout my tenure, I have been employed in various positions responsible
23 for the permitting of new energy facilities such as transmission lines and power
24 plants, as well as the acquisition of regulatory approvals.

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1 My current job responsibilities include managing the regulatory process for the
2 CapX2020 Group 1 Projects and directing Xcel Energy's resources to obtain
3 the permits necessary to construct new transmission facilities.
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5 **Q. WERE YOU INVOLVED IN THE PREPARATION OF THE COMPLIANCE FILING**
6 **IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

7 A. Yes. The April 29, 2011 Compliance Filing and Applicants June 24, 2011 letter
8 providing an update on the progress of the Multi Value Project designation for
9 the Brookings Project by the Midwest Independent Transmission System
10 Operator, Inc. were submitted under my signature and the signature of Dean
11 Pawlowski of Otter Tail Power.
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13 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

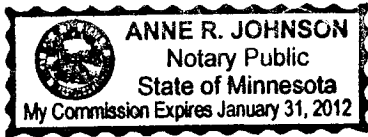
14 A. I am sponsoring the April 29, 2011 Compliance Filing, the Cost Allocation
15 White Paper provided with the Compliance Filing, and Applicants June 24,
16 2011 update letter to the Commission. I am available to answer questions
17 related to those documents or any other questions that the Commission may
18 have as they relate to this proceeding.
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20 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

21 A. Yes.

James Alders
JAMES R. ALDERS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of July, 2011.



Anne Johnson
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: Jan 31, 2012