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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Mr. Darrel Nitschke
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**RE: APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION, FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE IN NORTH DAKOTA
NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE
CASE No. PU-10-_____**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation with operations in North Dakota, will be filing an electric rate case with the North Dakota Public Service Commission on Monday, December 20, 2010. Enclosed, please find a check in the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) as the required application fee pursuant to N.D. Cent. Code §49-05-04, subd. 11.

The Company will be submitting our filing materials electronically, with paper copies to follow on Tuesday. To ensure the filing can be received as complete with the electronic filing on Monday, we are delivering this application fee separately from the paper copies via Federal Express Delivery.

Please contact me with any questions at (612) 330-7571 or by email at debra.j.paulson@xcelenergy.com.

Sincerely,

Debra J. Paulson
Manager, Rate Cases

Enclosure
cc Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco

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Letter enclosing application fee