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RE: Northern States Power Company
Electric Rate Increase
Application
Case No. PU-10-657

At its regular Commission meeting on January 12, 2011, the North Dakota Public Service Commission passed a motion in the above-referenced case retaining Mitchell D. Armstrong to provide legal services to the Commission as advocacy staff counsel in Case No. PU-10-657. A copy of the motion is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Patrick Fahn, Director
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MOTION

January 12, 2011

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I move the Commission retain Mitchell D. Armstrong to provide legal services to the Commission as advocacy staff counsel in Case No. PU-10-657, Northern States Power Company Electric Rate Increase Application.

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