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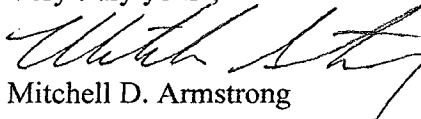
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Re: Application of Northern States Power (PU-10-657)

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

This letter is intended to serve as a retainer letter in the above-referenced matter. As we have discussed, my fees for representation in the above-referenced matter will be \$135.00 per hour plus expenses. We will submit our bills on a monthly basis or otherwise as required by the Public Service Commission or the Attorney General's office. I understand retention is contingent upon the appropriate approval and appointment by the Attorney General's office. Please have an appropriate representative sign below if the above terms of representation are acceptable to the Commission. I look forward to working with you and the Commission on these matters.

Very truly yours,


Mitchell D. Armstrong

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