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June 8, 2011

**Northern States Power Company
2011 Electric Rate Increase
Application**

Case No. PU-10-657

**Northern States Power Company
2012 Electric Rate Increase
Application**

Case No. PU-11-55

Believing that there will be no prejudice to the rights of the parties or the public interest, and finding the cases involve similar questions of law and fact, I move the Commission consolidate for hearing Northern States Power Company, 2011 Electric Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-10-657 and Northern States Power Company, 2012 Electric Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-11-55, under North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-02-04-04. For purposes of this motion, consolidation has the meaning stated in the Hearing Officer's May 21, 2011, order.