

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company
2011 Electric Rate Increase
Application

Case No.: PU-10-657
OAH File No. 20110014

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STIPULATION FOR
AMENDMENT OF PREHEARING ORDER

This matter is presently scheduled for hearing before the North Dakota Public Service Commission on October 18 - 21, 2011. A *Prehearing Conference Summary and Order* dated April 12, 2011, set certain requirements for filing of testimony in this matter. The procedural schedule was subsequently amended on June 14, 2011.

On August 18, 2011, the Advocacy Staff ("Staff") submitted testimony in the above-referenced matter. Since that time, Northern States Power Company ("NSP") and the Staff have been engaged in settlement discussions and believe an extension of the existing procedural schedule is warranted to allow a possible settlement to be finalized. Accordingly, NSP and Staff, through their undersigned counsel, hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

1. That paragraph 5 of the *Prehearing Conference Summary and Order* dated April 12, 2011, as amended on June 14, 2011, be further amended to state as follows:

Counsel have agreed to a August 18, 2011, deadline for the filing of Staff pre-filed testimony. Interveners' testimony must also be pre-filed by that date. Staff and intervenors must submit all data requests to the Company on or before August 18, 2011. Counsel have also agreed to an October 3, 2011,

deadline for the filing of Applicant pre-filed rebuttal. Additionally, all parties, including interveners, must file a summary witness list and a summary exhibit list by October 11, 2011. If a list contains an expert witness, the list must also briefly state the subject matter on which the expert is expected to testify, the substance of the facts and opinions to which the expert is expected to testify, and a summary of the grounds for each opinion.

Dated this 13th day of September, 2011.

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