

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Cara DeSaye deposes and says that:

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Notice of Hearing

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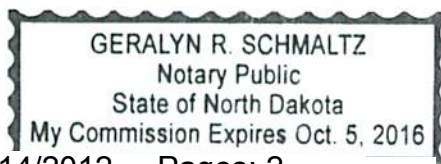
David Sederquist
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PO Box 2747
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The address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 14th day of August, 2012.

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Cara DeSaye

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NOTICE OF HEARING

AUGUST 13, 2012

On February 29, 2012, the Commission Ordered Northern States Power Company (NSP) to file a plan for performance-based regulation with metrics to measure and evaluate system reliability, including rate of return incentives/penalties to improve North Dakota service reliability.

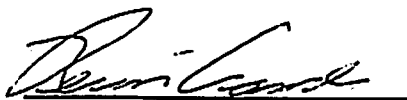
On June 1, 2012, NSP filed a Reliability Performance Plan proposal which provides an incentive for reducing outages; a penalty of \$50 payable to customers experiencing more than 3 outages in a year (does not include major events like storm outages); and customer survey reporting requirements.

A public hearing on this case will be held beginning September 25, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505. You can listen to a broadcast of the hearing on the Commission's website at <http://www.psc.state.nd.us/psc/media/comm-live.html>.

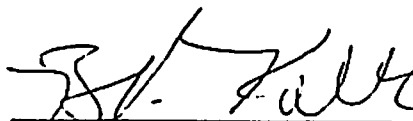
The issue to be considered is whether the proposal is reasonable and prudent and in the best interest of customers.

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