

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Northern States Power Company
230 kV Peace Garden Switching Station Tran. Line
Public Convenience and Necessity**

Case No. PU-12-39

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED AND REGULAR MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Cara DeSaye deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **2nd** day of **February, 2012**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Matthew Loftus
Northern States Power Company
414 Nicollet Mall, 5th Floor
Minneapolis MN 55401

Cert. No. 7010 1060 0001 0644 4543

Cara DeSaye further deposes and says that on the **2nd** day of **February, 2012**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **three** envelopes by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Sara J. Cardwell
Northern States Power Company
414 Nicollet Mall, 7th Floor
Minneapolis MN 55401

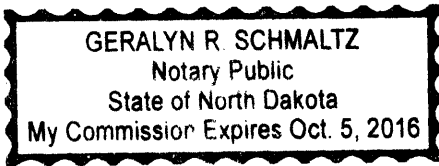
Dave Sederquist
Northern States Power Company
2302 Great Northern Drive
Fargo ND 58102

SaGonna Thompson
Northern States Power Company
414 Nicollet Mall, 7th Floor
Minneapolis MN 55401

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable mailing address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 2nd day of February, 2012.

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Cara Debye

Gerald R. Schmaltz
Notary Public

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

February 1, 2012

On January 12, 2012, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate a proposed 230 kV Peace Garden Switching Station and 300 feet of 230 kV electric transmission line to interconnect the proposed Border Winds Energy Project to the existing 230 kV Rugby-to-Glenboro transmission line in Rolette County, North Dakota.

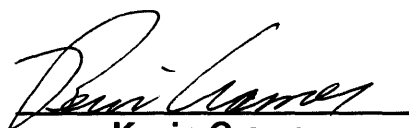
The issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. Whether public convenience and necessity will be served by construction and operation of the facilities.
2. Whether the applicants are fit, willing and able to provide service.

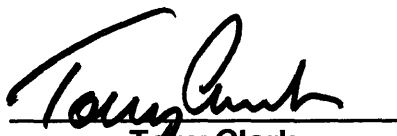
Those interested are invited to comment on the applications in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceedings and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearing must be received by **March 7, 2012**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400, or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or braille materials please notify the Commission.

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