STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company **Case No. PU-12-39**
230 kV Peace Garden Switching Station Tran Line
Public Convenience and Necessity Electric

ORDER AMENDING CERTIFICATE

June 11, 2014

On March 21, 2012 the Commission issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Number 5465 to Northern States Power Company (NSP) to construct and operate a 230 kV Peace Garden Switching Station and approximately 300 feet of 230 kV electric transmission line to interconnect the proposed Border Winds Energy Project (Border Winds) to the existing 230 kV Rugby-to-Glenboro transmission line in Rolette County, North Dakota.

On March 12, 2014 NSP filed a Petition for Modification Or Amendment to Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Number 5465 to extend facilities necessary to relocate the Peace Garden Switching Station approximately two miles directly north to the NW1/4, T 163N, R 69W, S2, 10756 52nd Ave NE, Rolla, North Dakota.

On April 23, 2013 the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until May 30, 2014 for receiving written comments or hearing requests. No response was received. The notice identified the following issues to be considered:

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.

This relocation of the Peace Garden Switching Station was included in revisions to the Border Winds site plan approved in Case No. PU-08-797. Having considered this matter, the Commission finds Public convenience and necessity will continue to be served and NSP remains fit, willing and able to provide service.

Order

The Commission Orders First Amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Number 5465 is issued to Northern States Power Company authorizing relocation of the Peace Garden Switching Station

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Commissioner	**Chairman**	**Commissioner**

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Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
First Amended Certificate Number 5465

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Northern States Power Company to construct and operate a 230 kV Peace Garden Switching Station and approximately 300 feet of transmission line necessary to interconnect the Border Winds Energy Project to the existing Rugby-to-Glenboro 230 kV transmission line in Rolette County, North Dakota.

This certificate is issued in accordance with the Orders of this Commission dated March 21, 2012 and June 11, 2014 in Case No. PU-12-39, and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in the Order.

This certificate is conditioned upon Northern States Power Company securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.

Bismarck, North Dakota, June 11, 2014.

ATTEST: ***PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION***

Executive Secretary ***Commissioner***