

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 **12th** day of **June, 2014**, 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:

Order Amending Certificate

The envelope was addressed as follows:

David Sederquist
Northern States Power Company
PO Box 2757
Fargo ND 58108

Cert. No. 7012 2210 0001 5060 9880

Cara DeSaye further deposes and says that on the **12th** day of **June, 2014**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, containing a photocopy of the same.

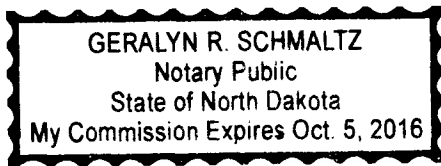
The envelope was addressed as follows:


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 12th day of June, 2014.

SEAL







Notary Public

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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


PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Randy Christmann
Commissioner



Brian P. Kalk
Chairman



Julie Fedorchak
Commissioner

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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.

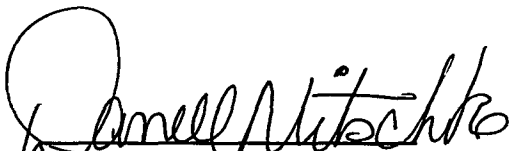
This certificate is issued in accordance with the Orders of this Commission dated March 21, 2012 and June 11, 2014 in Case No. PU-12-39, and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in the Order.

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