


STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A)
MINNESOTA CORPORATION)
IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR)
ADVANCE DETERMINATION OF PRUDENCE)
FOR A POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH)
GERONIMO WIND ENERGY, LLC)

CASE No. PU-12-_____

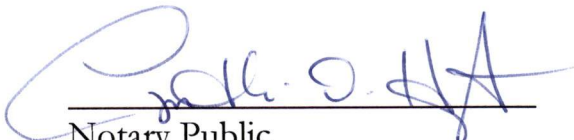
**AFFIDAVIT OF
James R. Alders**

I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn, on oath depose and say that I am a Director in Regulatory Administration for Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (the "Company") operating in North Dakota, and the applicant herein; that I have read the foregoing request for an Advance Determination of Prudence for a Power Purchase Agreement with Geronimo Wind Energy, LLC, and I believe all statements therein to be true and correct; and that said filing is submitted and signed on behalf of said Company with the consent and authority of the Company.



James R. Alders

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 31st day of January 2012.



Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

