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June 7, 2012

—Via E-mail and U.S. Mail—

Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
Department 408
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION, FOR AN ADVANCE DETERMINATION OF PRUDENCE FOR A POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH GERONIMO WIND ENERGY, LLC
CASE NO. PU-12-059

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, operating in North Dakota submits to the North Dakota Public Service Commission the enclosed testimony in support of our Application for Advance Determination of Prudence in the matter referenced above.

On April 19, 2012, the presiding Administrative Law Judge in this matter, Judge Patrick J. Ward, issued a Trade Secret Protection Order. Accordingly, we have provided the Non-Public version of this testimony in a sealed envelope that was labeled: **TRADE SECRET – PRIVATE**.

Paper copies of the testimony in support of our Application are enclosed for filing. Please feel free to contact me at (701) 241-8632 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David H. Sederquist'.

DAVID H. SEDERQUIST
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Enclosures