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

RE: LETTER OF COMMITMENT
ADVANCE DETERMINATION OF PRUDENCE APPLICATION
GERONIMO WIND ENERGY, LLC (CASE NO. PU-12-059)

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Northern States Power Company, doing business in North Dakota, submits this letter reaffirming the commitment we made in our 2007 electric rate case to file Advanced Determination of Prudence (ADP) applications for significant resource acquisitions with the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

We made our initial commitment in an effort to increase transparency and engage the Commission regarding significant resource acquisitions in advance of general rate proceedings. To meet the Commission's current expectations, we now further define that commitment to make the necessary filings at approximately the same time (within 14 days, if that is acceptable to the Commission) as we file the following types of approval applications with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission:

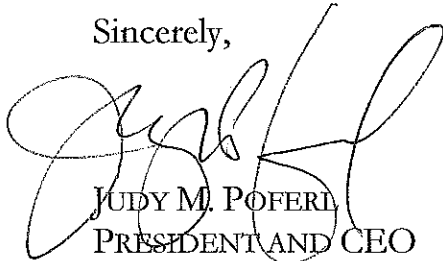
- Certificates of Need, and
- Petitions for approval of a Power Purchase Agreement.

As the Commission is aware, we also file our Resource Plan filings with the North Dakota Commission on an informational basis and with supporting information specially requested by the Commission within a similar timeframe to filing that plan with the Minnesota Commission.

We believe these filing types encompass the most likely categories of requests we would make in Minnesota that pertain to the types of resource additions contemplated in the 2007 rate case settlement. If it appears that a different type of Minnesota resource acquisition filing might invoke our commitment to file an ADP (or, if the Commission prefers, an alternate form of approval application), we will work with Commission Staff to ensure the appropriate application is timely filed, consistent with the intent of this letter.

We are presently in discussions with Commission Staff regarding settlement of this case. We will work with Staff to ensure any and all parameters needed to support and clarify this commitment are addressed in any settlement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judy M. Poferi', written in a cursive style.

JUDY M. POFERI
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