

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Northern States Power Company  
2013 Electric Rate Increase  
Application**

**Case No. PU-12-813**

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED & 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 **31<sup>st</sup>** day of **January, 2013**, 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 on Interim Rates**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

James P. Johnson  
Northern States Power Company  
414 Nicollet Mall 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Minneapolis MN 55401

**Cert. No. 7012 1640 0002 4652 2345**

**Cara DeSaye** further deposes and says that on the **31<sup>st</sup>** day of **January, 2013**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Dave Sederquist  
Northern States Power Company  
PO Box 2747  
Fargo ND 58708

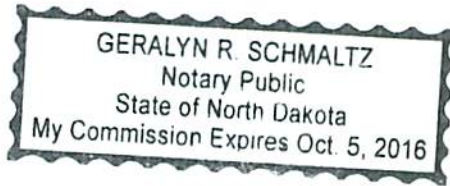
Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 31<sup>st</sup> day of **January, 2013**.

*Cara Debye*

*Geralyn R. Schmaltz*  
Notary Public

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**ORDER ON INTERIM RATES**  
**January 30, 2013**

On December 18, 2012, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application to increase its electric rates including an interim rate increase.

Under N.D.C.C. §49-05-06(2) a company filing for a rate increase is entitled to an interim increase, but the rate increase must meet certain criteria. These include: the same rate of return on common equity authorized by the Commission in the public utility's most recent rate proceeding; rate base and expense items the same in nature and kind allowed by the Commission in its most recent rate proceeding and; no change in the existing rate design.

NSP's interim rate increase is based on a projected 2013 test year and seeks an increase in annual revenue collections of \$14.704 million, or an overall increase in retail revenues of 8.05%. To accomplish this, NSP filed an Interim Rate Adjustment of 12.17% to be applied to the non-fuel portion of the bill (the customer charge, demand charge, and energy charge). The monthly bill for a non-space-heating residential customer with electric usage of 750 kilowatt-hours would increase approximately \$5.64. The Interim Rate Adjustment will be shown as a separate line item on customers' bills.

On January 25, 2013, the Commission's advocacy staff filed comments stating that NSP's interim rate request should be approved.

In the event the interim rate amounts collected by NSP are in excess of the final rates approved by the Commission, NSP is required to refund the excess under North Dakota Century Code §49-05-06(4), including interest at a rate to be determined by the Commission.

**Order**

The Commission orders:

1. Northern States Power Company's proposed interim rate increase is approved to increase annual revenue collections by \$14.704 million.
2. Northern States Power Company's proposed interim rates shall be effective for service rendered on or after February 16, 2013.

3. Northern States Power Company is not required to obtain a bond under North Dakota Century Code §49-05-06(3) to secure a refund required under North Dakota Century Code §49-05-06(4).

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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