



March 19, 2013

Darrell Nitschke
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Application of Northern States Power Company For Authority to Increase Rates for
Electric Service in North Dakota
Case No. PU-12-813

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed please find the original and seven copies of the Motion for the Admission Pro Hac Vice of Richard J. Johnson and the Affidavit of Richard J. Johnson in the above-entitled Docket.

Copies of the documents have also been sent to the State Board of Law Examiners and to all counsel in this Docket.

Please contact me if further information is required.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures
cc: Parties of record
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Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice of Richard J. Johnson and Affidavit

Northern States Power Company
Richard J. Johnson, Moss&Barnett

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of)
Northern States Power Company, a)
Minnesota corporation for Authority to)
Increase Rates for Electric Service in)
North Dakota)

Case No. PU-12-813

**MOTION FOR THE ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE OF
RICHARD J. JOHNSON**

Pursuant to North Dakota Supreme Court Rule 3 and NDAC § 69-02-01-06, Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (“Xcel Energy”) operating in North Dakota, seeks leave of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) to permit Richard J. Johnson to appear before the Commission to represent Xcel Energy in the above-entitled Docket. Mr. Johnson will co-counsel with Zeviel T. Simpser, also representing Xcel Energy, who is licensed in North Dakota.

As stated in the attached Affidavit of Richard J. Johnson, he is admitted to practice and in good standing with the bar of the State of Minnesota. He is not subject to any disciplinary action in any jurisdiction, he is not under any restrictions or probation in the practice of law in any jurisdiction where he is licensed, and he has never been suspended or disbarred from any court in any jurisdiction. He has received approval to appear Pro Hac Vice in two other matters involving utility regulation during the prior three years.

Mr. Johnson has extensive experience in representing public utility clients in rate cases. His previous experience in these matters will assist the Commission with the issues of this Docket.

Mr. Johnson is a reputable attorney and the undersigned attorney recommends his admission to practice before the Commission in the above-entitled Docket.

Dated: March 15, 2013

Respectfully submitted,



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AFFIDAVIT OF RICHARD J. JOHNSON

In support of the Motion for Pro Hac Vice, Richard J. Johnson, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that:

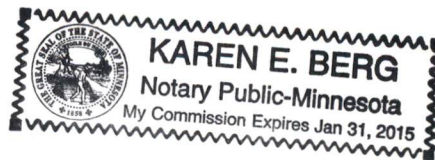
1. My name is Richard J. Johnson. I am a shareholder of Moss & Barnett, located at 4800 Wells Fargo Center, 90 South Seventh Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402.
2. I am a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Minnesota since 1975.
3. I am not subject to any disciplinary action by the bar or courts of the State of Minnesota or of any other court; nor under any restrictions or probation in the practice of law in any jurisdiction where I am licensed. I have not been suspended or disbarred from a court in any jurisdiction.
4. I have previously received approval to appear Pro Hac Vice in two other Commission Dockets during the prior three years. I have previously registered under Rule 3 of the North Dakota Admission to Practice Rules.
5. The information contained in the Motion for the Admission Pro Hac Vice of Richard J. Johnson, filed contemporaneously with this Affidavit, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Richard J. Johnson

SWORN TO BEFORE ME this
14th day of March 2013


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North Dakota State Board of Law Examiners
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 180
Bismarck, ND 58505-0530

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find copies of the following documents sent to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for their action:

1. Motion for the Admission Pro Hac Vice of Richard J. Johnson; and
2. Affidavit of Richard J. Johnson.

Also enclosed is a check, in the amount of \$380.00, to the State Board of Law Examiners covering the annual fee. Copies of these documents were also provided to all parties in this Docket.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Very truly yours,



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