



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 James P. Johnson and the Affidavit of James P. 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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cc: Parties of record
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Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice of James P. Johnson and Affidavit

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

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Application of Northern States Power Company,)
a Minnesota Corporation, for Authority to) Case No. PU-12-813
Increase Rates for Electric Service in North)
Dakota (2012)

**MOTION FOR THE ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE OF
JAMES P. JOHNSON**

Pursuant to North Dakota Supreme Court Rule 3, Northern States Power Company, (NSPM), seeks leave of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) to permit James P. Johnson to appear before the Commission to represent NSPM in the above-entitled Docket. Mr. Johnson will co-counsel with Zeviel T. Simpsen, outside counsel to NSPM, who is licensed to practice in North Dakota.

As stated in the attached Affidavit of James P. 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 is not suspended or disbarred from any court in any jurisdiction. He has not sought approval from the Commission to appear pro hac vice in any previous Docket. The required fee for admission pro hac vice has been remitted to the State Board of Law Examiners.

Mr. Johnson has extensive experience 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,



Zeviel Simpson (North Dakota Bar #06794)

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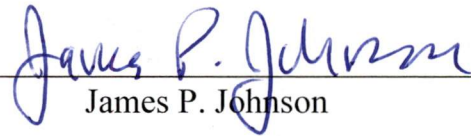
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AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES P. JOHNSON

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

1. My name is James P. Johnson. I am Assistant General Counsel for Xcel Energy Services Inc. (XES), located at 414 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401. XES is the service company for Northern States Power Company.
2. I am a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Minnesota since 1986.
3. I am not presently 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 not previously appeared Pro Hac Vice in any previous Commission Docket.
5. The required fee for my admission pro hac vice has been remitted to the State Board of Law Examiners.

6. The information contained in the Motion for the Admission Pro Hac Vice of James P. Johnson, filed contemporaneously with this Affidavit, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


James P. 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:

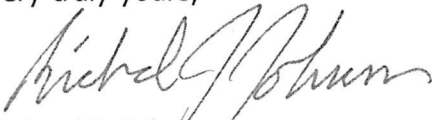
Enclosed please find copies of the following documents sent to the North Dakota Public Service
Commission for their action:

1. Motion for the Admission Pro Hac Vice of James P. Johnson; and
2. Affidavit of James P. 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.

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