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Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E Boulevard Ave, Department 408  
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Re: Case No. PU-12-813  
Northern States Power Company  
2013 Electric Rate Increase  
Application

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed are original copies of Advocacy Staff's Direct Testimony and Exhibits addressing Staff's overall concern with the Company's rate increases in the above captioned proceeding.

Thank you.

Best regards,

  
Ryan M. Norrell  
Legal Counsel

Enclosure

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**Advocacy Staff Direct Testimony and Exhibits- Sara Cardwell**

Public Service Commission Advocacy Staff

Sara Cardwell

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
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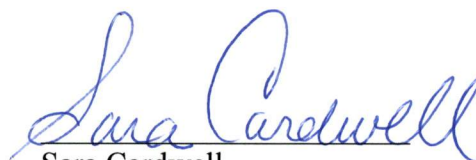
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State of North Dakota        )  
  ) ss  
County of Burleigh         )

Affidavit of Sara Cardwell

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, depose and say that the foregoing is the Direct Testimony of the undersigned, and that such Direct Testimony and the exhibits or schedules sponsored by me to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, are true, correct, accurate and complete, and I hereby adopt said testimony as if given by me in formal hearing, under oath.

  
Sara Cardwell

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 22nd day of July, 2013

  
Notary Public

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