

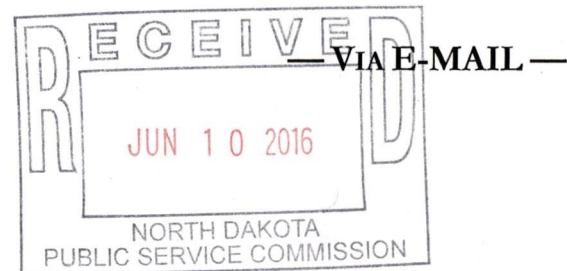


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June 10, 2016

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



RE: COMPLIANCE FILING
NEW RESOURCES INCLUDED IN THE 2015 FUEL COST RIDER
ELECTRIC RATE CASE NO. PU-12-813

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

In accordance with Section I.B.1 of the Comprehensive Settlement Agreement in the referenced case, Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, with operations in North Dakota, encloses a summary list of new Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) included in the 2015 Fuel Cost Rider for purposes of cost recovery.

The Settlement directs us to include a description of the project, justification for the contract, expected annual costs over the life of the contract, and the initial estimated monthly bill impact to residential customers.

Portions of the attached report have been redacted and designated as "Non-Public." The redacted portions contain "trade secret" information that is proprietary financial information of the Company as it derives independent value from not being generally known, is not ascertainable by other persons, can be used by other for a variety of purposes, and is maintained as confidential by the Company. Thus, Xcel Energy maintains this information as a trade secret. This designation is made pursuant to the Commission's Order Granting Trade Secret Protection under the Company's April 9, 2013 Application.

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Please call or email me if you have any questions about the information provided.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David H. Sederquist". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

DAVID SEDERQUIST
SR. REGULATORY CONSULTANT

Enclosure
cc: Mike Diller