

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Northern States Power Company
Advance Determination of Prudence- NG Generator
Application**

Case No. PU-13-194

**Northern States Power Company
Red River Valley NG Units 1 & 2- Hankinson, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity**

Case No. PU-13-195

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED AND REGULAR MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Jen Lein deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **10th** day of **October, 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:

Notice of Consolidated Hearing

The envelope was addressed as follows:

James R. Alders
Northern States Power Company
414 Nicollet Mall, 7th Floor
Minneapolis MN 55401

Cert. No. 7012 3460 0000 6344 1713

Jen Lein further deposes and says that on the **10th** day of **October, 2013**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

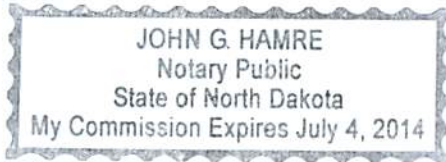
SaGonna Thompson
Northern States Power Company
414 Nicollet Mall, 7th Floor
Minneapolis, MN 55401


David Sederquist
Northern States Power Company
2302 Great Northern Drive
Fargo, ND 58102

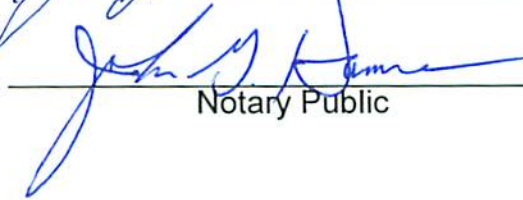
Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable mailing address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 10th day of **October, 2013**.

SEAL







Notary Public

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NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED HEARING

October 9, 2013

On April 26, 2013, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application for an advanced determination of prudence to add three 215 megawatt natural gas fired, simple cycle, combustion turbine generators (CT) to its system, Case No. PU-13-194. The first CT would be constructed at the Black Dog generation plant in Burnsville, Minnesota for service beginning in 2017. The second and third CTs would be constructed at a new plant site to be located in the Red River Valley near Hankinson, North Dakota (Red River Valley Units 1 and 2) for service beginning in 2018 and 2019.

Also on April 26, 2013, NSP requested a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Red River Valley Units 1 and 2, Case No. PU-13-195.

Believing that there will be no prejudice to the rights of the parties or the public interest, and finding the cases involve similar questions of law and fact, the Commission has consolidated the two cases under North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-02-04-04.

A Public Hearing on these applications is scheduled to begin **November 26, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. CST**, in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12th Floor of the **State Capitol, 600 East Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, North Dakota 58505**.

The issue to be considered in NSP's application for advance determination of prudence:

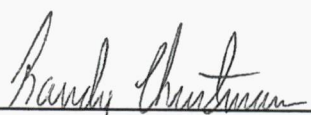
1. Whether NSP's proposed investment in the three CTs prudent?

The issues to be considered in NSP's application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Red River Valley Units 1 and 2:

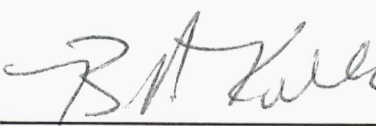
1. Whether the public convenience and necessity be served by the NSP's construction and operation of three CTs.
2. Whether the applicant is fit, willing, and able to provide service.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or 877-245-6685 (toll free in North Dakota), or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

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