

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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

**Case No. PU-13-195**

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

**June 25, 2014**

On April 26, 2013, Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (NSP) filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (PC&N) for the construction of Red River Valley Units 1 and 2.

On October 31, 2013, and November 26, 2013, consolidated public hearings were held concerning several cases. The issues considered at the hearings for NSP's applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity in Case No. PU-13-195 were:

1. Whether public convenience and necessity will be served by the purchase and operation of the facilities.
2. Whether the applicant is fit, willing, and able to provide service.

On December 13, 2013, NSP and Commission Advocacy Staff filed with the Commission a Comprehensive Settlement Agreement resolving all open issues in all the cases heard during the October 31 and November 26, 2014 hearings, including the issues in Case Nos. PU-13-195.

On January 23, 2014 a hearing was held on the settlement agreement. The settlement agreement was silent concerning the disposition of NSP's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity in Case No. PU-13-195. The settlement agreement recognized that Red River Valley Generating Units 1 and 2 may not be implemented at this time. Pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement, NSP commits to develop up to 400 MW of thermal generation resources in North Dakota no later than 2036. The Commission issued its Order Adopting Settlement on February 26, 2014.

On June 6, 2014, NSP filed with the Commission a request to, consistent with the terms of the settlement agreement, dismiss without prejudice the request for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for Red River Valley Units 1 and 2.

The issue to be determined in this matter is whether NSP's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the Red River Valley Units 1 and 2 should be dismissed.

Those interested are invited to comment in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceedings and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearing must be received by July 31, 2014.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine this matter without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 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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