

**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

ORDER DISMISSING APPLICATION

August 20, 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, including Case No. PU-13-195.

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. However, the Settlement Agreement was silent concerning the disposition of NSP's application for a PC&N in Case No. PU-13-195.

On January 23, 2014 a hearing was held on the Settlement Agreement. The Commission issued its Order Adopting Settlement on February 26, 2014.

On June 6, 2014, NSP filed a request with the Commission to dismiss its application for a PC&N for Red River Valley Units 1 and 2 without prejudice.


On June 25, 2014 the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until July 31, 2014 for receiving written comments and requests for hearing. No response was received. The notice identified the issue to be considered as whether NSP's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the Red River Valley Units 1 and 2 should be dismissed.

The Settlement Agreement recognized that Red River Valley 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. Having considered this matter, the Commission issues the following:


Order

The Commission Orders NSP's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for Red River Valley Units 1 and 2 is dismissed without prejudice.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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Commissioner**



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