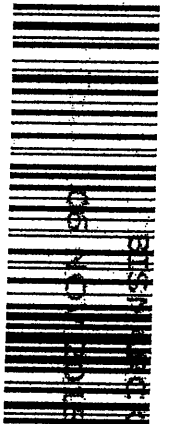




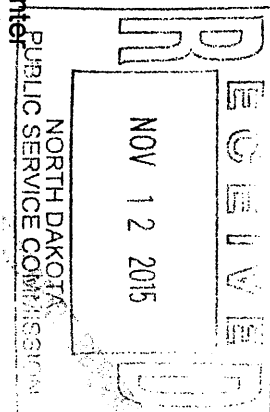
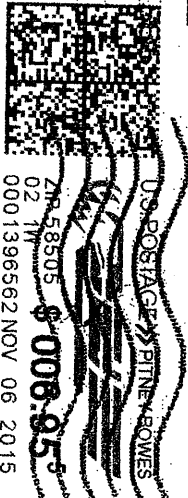
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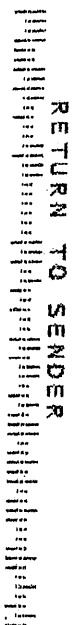


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MINNEAPOLIS MN 55402-4129

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RETURN TO SENDER

Domestic Return Receipt

PS Form 3811, April 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9053

3. Service Type

Adult Signature

Adult Signature Restricted Delivery

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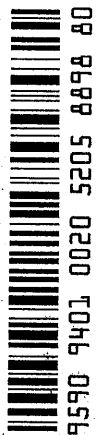
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Return Receipt for Merchandise

Signature Confirmation™

Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery

2. Article Number (Transfer from service label)
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Minneapolis, MN 55402-4129
Cert. No. 7015 0640 0006 6433 4490

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes No
if YES, enter delivery address below:

C. Date of Delivery

B. Received by (Printed Name)

A. Signature Agent Addressee

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

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Northern States Power Company Advance Determination of Prudence – 345 Mankato Energy Center Application	Case No. PU-15-96

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Geralyn R. Schmaltz deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **13th day of November, 2015**, 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 Hearing
Affidavit of Service by Certified & Electronic Mail**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Richard J. Johnson
Moss & Barnett, P.A.
150 S 5th Street Suite 1200
Minneapolis, MN 55402-4129
Cert. No. 7015 0640 0006 6433 4551

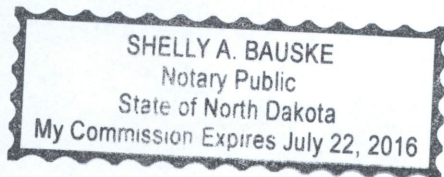
Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **13th day of November, 2015**.



Notary Public

SEAL



STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED & ELECTRONIC MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Geralyn R. Schmaltz deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **6th day of November, 2015**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **three** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

Notice of Hearing

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Zeviel T. Simpser
Briggs & Morgan, P.A.
2200 IDS Center
80 South Eighth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55402
Cert. No. 7015 0640 0006 6433 4483

Richard J. Johnson
Moss & Barnett, P.A.
4800 Wells Fargo Center
90 South 7th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55402-4129
Cert. No. 7015 0640 0006 6433 4490

Kari L. Valley
Xcel Energy
414 Nicollet Mall, 5th Floor
Minneapolis, MN 55401
Cert. No. 7015 0640 0006 6433 4506

Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **6th day of November, 2015**, she deposited in the united States mail, Bismarck, North Dakota **four** envelopes by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Alison Archer
Assistant General Counsel
Xcel Energy Services Inc.
414 Nicollet Mall – 5th Floor
Minneapolis, MN 55401

David Sederquist
Sr. Regulatory and Financial Consultant
Xcel Energy
PO Box 2747
Fargo, ND 58108-2747

James R. Alders
Xcel Energy
414 Nicollet Mall, 7th Floor
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Blaine Johnson
Crowley Fleck PLLP
PO Box 2798
Bismarck, ND 58502-2798

Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **6th day of November, 2015**, she electronically mailed **one** copy of the same.

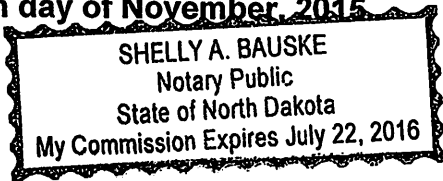
The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

SaGonna Thompson
Regulatory Administrator
regulatory.records@excelenergy.com

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address and electronic address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **6th day of November, 2015**

SEAL



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Geralyn R. Schmaltz", written over a horizontal line.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shelly A. Bauske", written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the words "Notary Public" are printed.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

November 4, 2015

On September 30, 2015, Northern States Power Company (NSP) and Public Service Commission Advocacy Staff filed a Settlement Agreement to address electric generation resource policy differences that exist between NSP's North Dakota and Minnesota jurisdictions.


The Agreement provides an opportunity to address North Dakota's energy policy goals and other matters, such as:

- Accelerating NSP's commitment to locate thermal electric generation in North Dakota from 2036 to 2025.
- Excluding 17 existing Community Based Energy Development and small solar purchased power agreements from cost recovery in North Dakota.
- Extending the current electric rate moratorium through 2017.
- Including cost recovery for NSP's existing biomass purchase power agreements.
- Refunding an estimated \$20 million to customers if NSP fails to achieve its generation commitment by the end of 2025.
- Continuing to use the 12 coincident peaks method for assigning generation and transmission costs among the states served by NSP through 2025.

A **Public Hearing** on the settlement is scheduled to begin **December 15, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. Central Time**, 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 is whether the settlement is reasonable and should be adopted by the Commission.

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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