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VIA EMAIL AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

Darrell Nitschke
Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building, Dept. 408
600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: ADP STATUS UPDATE
BORDER WINDS 150 MW PROJECT ADP
CASE NO. PU-13-742

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, provides the following status update to the North Dakota Public Service Commission regarding the Border Winds Project. We submit this information pursuant to the Commission's February 26, 2014 Order Adopting the Revised Second Amended Settlement in the above-referenced matter, and in accordance with Part 3 of Section 49-05-16 of the North Dakota Administrative Code (N.D.C.C.) which states:

A resource addition approved by the Commission is subject to reporting requirements until commercial operation of the resource addition. The public utility shall provide periodic reports, as directed by the commission, which must include a description of the status of the resource addition and any changes in material circumstances affecting the resource addition.

The Company is unaware of any material circumstances affecting the Border Winds resource addition, and expects the project to be placed in service during fourth quarter 2015. The project work has commenced on road installation, turbine foundations, and preparation of the operations and maintenance building and the substation sites. MISO interconnection study work is ongoing. The most recent

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estimate of transmission interconnection costs is approximately **[BEGIN TRADE SECRET**
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Portions of this response have been designated as “Non-Public.” The Company considers it to be proprietary information of a privileged nature that is therefore Trade Secret. This letter is marked “Non-Public” consistent with the Trade Secret Application dated August 13, 2013 in this proceeding.

Please feel free to contact me at (701) 241-8632 if the Commission requires additional information or has any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David H. Sederquist". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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