

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Northern States Power Company
150 MW Border Winds Project – Rolette County
Public Convenience And Necessity**

Case No. PU-13-743

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

June 25, 2014

On August 13, 2013, Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (NSP) filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the purchase of a proposed Border Winds Project to be located in Rolette County, ND.

On October 31, 2013, and November 26, 2013, consolidated public hearings were held concerning several cases, including Case No. PU-13-743.

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.

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-13-743. The Commission issued its Order Adopting Settlement on February 26, 2014.

On June 6, 2014, NSP filed a request with the Commission to issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the Border Winds Project. The issues to be determined in this matter are:

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.

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

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