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March 24, 2014

— VIA E-MAIL & FEDERAL EXPRESS —

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

**RE: APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR A
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE
PRAIRIE SUBSTATION EXPANSION PROJECT IN GRAND FORKS COUNTY,
NORTH DAKOTA
CASE NO. PU-14-126**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

On March 14, 2014, Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Prairie Substation Expansion Project in Grand Forks County, ND with the North Dakota Public Service Commission pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Title 49-03. Pursuant to staff's request to receive the filing fee prior to the PUC meeting on March 26, 2014, enclosed, please find a check in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

Please contact me at 701-241-8632 if you have any questions concerning this filing.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David H. Sederquist'.

DAVID H. SEDERQUIST
SENIOR REGULATORY AND FINANCIAL CONSULTANT