

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company
2014-2015 Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
Rates

Case No. PU-14-644

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED & REGULAR MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Kathy Acker 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, 2014**, 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 Opportunity for Hearing

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Alison C Archer
Assistant General Counsel
Xcel Energy Services, Inc.
414 Nicollet Mall 5th Fl
Minneapolis MN 55401
Cert. No. 7014 0150 0000 4832 0128

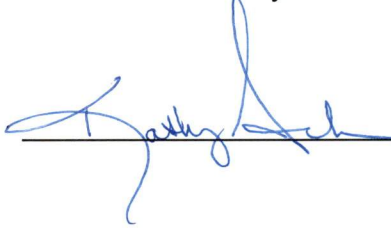
Kathy Acker further deposes and says that on the **13th** day of **November, 2014**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Dave Sederquist
Northern States Power Company
2302 Great Northern Drive
PO Box 2747
Fargo ND 58108-2747

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

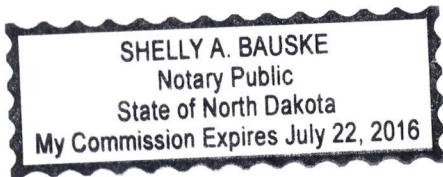


Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 13th day of **November, 2014.**



Notary Public

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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING
November 7, 2014**

On February 26, 2014 the Public Service Commission issued an order approving a Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) tariff rider pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 49-05-04.3 for Northern States Power Company, dba Xcel Energy (NSP). On July 22, 2014 NSP filed its 2014-2015 TCR tariff requesting approval of cost recovery for specific projects through a billing surcharge rate that can vary depending on implementation date. NSP proposed a TCR surcharge rate of 0.1994 cents per kWh based on a proposed implementation date of October 1, 2014.

On August 20, 2014 the Commission suspended the effectiveness of NSP's tariff filing. On October 8, 2014 the Commission issued a Notice of Filing and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing.

On November 6, 2014 the Commission discussed the filing and the slippage of the proposed implementation date with NSP and Commission staff at an informal hearing. The projected implementation date was revised to January 1, 2015, resulting in a revised 2014-2015 TCR surcharge amount of 0.2505 cents per kWh. The effect on a typical residential bill for an average customer without electric space heating using 750 kWh per month is an increase of \$1.88 per month.

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Whether the proposed rate adjustment complies with NSP's tariff,
2. Whether the incurred costs for new or modified electric transmission facilities are reasonable and prudent, and
3. Whether the incurred costs are eligible for recovery through the TCR rider.

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearing must be received by December 10, 2014.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

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, Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary, 24 hours in advance.

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 Randy Christmann Commissioner	 Brian P. Kalk Chairman	 Julie Fedorchak Commissioner
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