

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence – 187 MW Solar Energy Portfolio  
Application

Case No. PU-14-810

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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 **16th day of March, 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**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Dave H. Sederquist  
Senior Consultant, Regulation and Finance  
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2302 Great Northern Drive  
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**Cert. No. 7014 1820 0001 3262 8474**

**Kathy Acker** further deposes and says that on the **16th day of March, 2015**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, containing a photocopy of the same.

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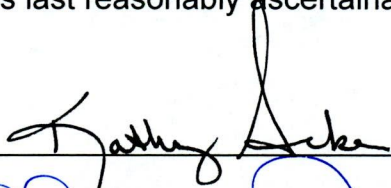
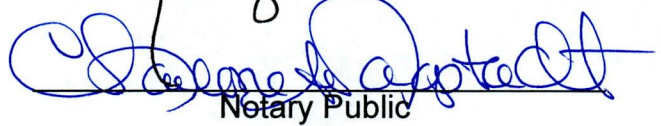
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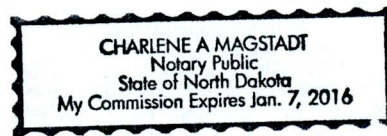
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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **16th day of March, 2015.**

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NOTICE OF HEARING

March 11, 2015

On November 7, 2014, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an Application for an Advance Determination of Prudence for a resource addition of 187 MW of solar generation. The resources would be added to the NSP system through three separate power purchase agreements. The generation facilities are located in the state of Minnesota near the towns of Marshall, Tracy and North Branch. NSP states that the resource additions will provide an opportunity to cost effectively meet the Minnesota Solar Energy Standard and that the Solar Portfolio will increase the overall cost of energy. However, NSP argues that the units will provide other qualitative benefits such as a hedge against the volatility in the price of natural gas making the projects a prudent investment.

The Commission's advocacy staff filed direct testimony on February 20, 2015, stating that NSP's North Dakota ratepayers do not need the capacity or the energy of the Solar Portfolio and that the Commission should deny NSP's application.

The issue to be considered is whether NSP's solar power purchase agreements should receive an advance determination of prudence from the Commission. If granted, NSP would be able to enter into the contracts with the expectation of cost recovery for a portion of the solar costs assigned to North Dakota.

The Commission will hold a **public hearing** for consideration of the Application on **May 6, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. CDT** in the **Commission hearing room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505.**

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, at least 24 hours in advance.

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