

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Case No. PU-14-810

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED & ELECTRONIC MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Geralyn R. Schmaltz deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **18th day of December, 2015**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **three** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

Order Granting Protection of Information

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

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Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **18th day of December, 2015**, she electronically mailed one photocopy of the same.

The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

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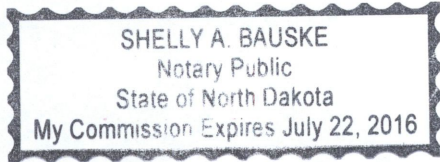
Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
This 18th day of December, 2015.

Gerard R. Schmay

Shelly A. Bauske
Notary Public

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ORDER GRANTING PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

December 16, 2015

On November 7, 2014, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application for trade secret protection pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-09-1 to protect certain trade secret information from public disclosure.

The information for which NSP seeks protection includes cost information, contract terms, confidential bid information and internal modeling results, as well as information from which the foregoing may be derived, regarding NSP's proposal to add 187 MW of solar resources to its system.

North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-09-03 requires that the Commission staff examine the information and application and make a recommendation to the Commission. Advocacy Staff has reviewed the request.

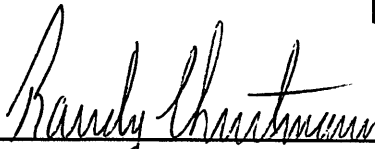
Staff filed its response on February 23, 2015, agreeing that the NSP's application satisfies the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code for protection of the information which is the subject of this request. The Commission's process provides a means for interested parties to review protected documents upon signing a nondisclosure agreement.

The Commission concludes Northern States Power Company's application satisfies the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code for protection of the information which is the subject of this request.


Order

The Commission orders the November 7, 2014 application of Northern States Power Company for protection of information GRANTED.


PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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Commissioner



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Chairman



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Commissioner