

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company  
Integrated Resource Plan  
Information

Case No. PU-15-19

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED AND 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 **21st day of October, 2016**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Order on Protection of Information**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Dave H. Sederquist  
Senior Consultant, Regulation and Finance  
Xcel Energy Services Inc.  
2302 Great Northern Drive  
Fargo, ND 58102  
**Cert. No. 7015 0640 0006 6993 5838**

**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** further deposes and says that on the **21st day of October, 2016**, she electronically mailed **one** address a copy of the same.

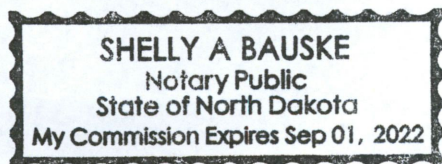
The electronic mails were addressed as follows:

SaGonnaThompson  
[regulatory.records@xcelenergy.com](mailto:regulatory.records@xcelenergy.com)

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **21st day of October, 2016**.

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*Geralyn R. Schmaltz*  
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*Shelly A. Bauske*  
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Notary Public

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Affidavit of Service, Cert. and E-mail – Order on  
Protection of Information

**Schmaltz, GERALYN R.**

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**From:** Schmaltz, GERALYN R.  
**Sent:** Friday, October 21, 2016 10:43 AM  
**To:** SaGonna Thompson  
**Subject:** PSC Case No. PU-15-19  
**Attachments:** PSC Case No. PU-15-19.pdf

*Good Morning!*  
*Attached please find the Affidavit of Service with the Order on Protection of Information for PSC Case No. PU-15-19.*  
*Have a good weekend!*  
*Geri*

*Geri Schmaltz*  
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*ND Public Service Commission*  
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**ORDER ON PROTECTION OF INFORMATION**

**October 19, 2016**

On January 5, 2015 Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application for protection of information. On November 25, 2015 Commission Public Utilities Division Staff (Staff) filed its response to NSP's application. On January 29, 2016 NSP filed an amended application for protection of information, also pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-09-01, to protect certain trade secret information from public disclosure. On August 11, 2016 Staff filed a response to the request, recommending the Commission approve the request.

The information for which NSP seeks protection includes private customer data, forecast data of annual system consumption and generation information with related technical studies, forecasted capital and O&M cost details, and critical infrastructure security data which have been marked as trade secret.

N.D. Admin Code North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-02-09-03 requires that the commission staff shall examine the information and application, and file and serve a response that includes a recommendation on whether the information qualifies for protection.


Staff has reviewed the request of NSP for protection of information. Staff believes the application satisfies the requirements of the law which allows the Commission to grant protection of information in this proceeding. The Commission's process provides a means for interested parties to review protected documents upon signing a nondisclosure agreement.

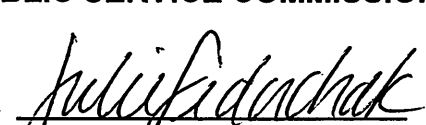
The Commission concludes that NSP's amended application for protection of information satisfy the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code for protection of information that is the subject of this request.


**ORDER**

The Commission orders the application of Northern States Power Company for Protection of Information is GRANTED.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
Randy Christmann  
Commissioner

  
Julie Fedorchak  
Chairman

  
Brian P. Kalk  
Commissioner