

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence – 100 MW Aurora Solar, LLC
Application**

Case No. PU-15-095

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Amy Haugen deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **29th day of May, 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
Xcel Energy Services Inc.
2302 Great Northern Drive
Fargo, ND 58102

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Amy Haugen further deposes and says that on the **29th day of May, 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.

The envelope was addressed as follows:

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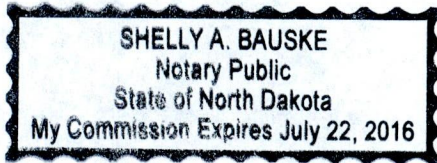
Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **29th day of May, 2015.**

Amy Haugen

Shelly A Bauske
Notary Public

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Advance Determination of Prudence – Aurora Solar
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Case No. PU-15-95

NOTICE OF HEARING

May 27, 2015

On February 13, 2015 Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an Application for an Advance Determination of Prudence for a resource addition of 100 MW of solar generation. The resources would be added to the NSP system through a 20-year power purchase agreement with Aurora Solar, LLC, an affiliate of Geronimo Energy, LLC. The generation facilities are to be located at up to 24 different sites in the state of Minnesota that interconnect to various distribution substations. NSP claims that these resource additions will provide needed capacity and supports its long-term energy commitments. The proposal will increase the overall cost of energy.

The issue to be considered is whether NSP's solar power purchase agreement should receive an advance determination of prudence from the Commission. If granted, NSP would be able to enter into the contract 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 **July 21, 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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