

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence – 345 MW Mankato Energy Center
Application**

Case No. PU-15-96

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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 **10th day of July, 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
2302 Great Northern Drive
Fargo, ND 58102
Cert. No. 7014 1820 0001 3262 8290

Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **10th day of July, 2015** 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.

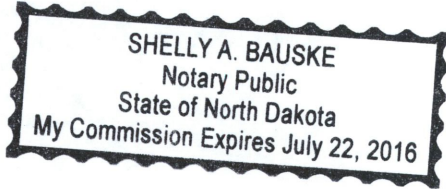
The envelope was addressed as follows:

Tiffany Hughes
Record Specialist
Excel Energy Services Inc.
414 Nicollet Mall, 7th, Floor
Minneapolis, MN 55401

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **10th day of July, 2015.**

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Gerald R. Schney
Shelly A Bauske
Notary Public

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NOTICE OF HEARING

July 8, 2015

On February 13, 2015 Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an Application for an Advance Determination of Prudence for 345 MW of capacity and associated energy through a 20-year power purchase agreement with Mankato Energy Center, LLC, an affiliate of Calpine Corporation. NSP claims that the proposed resource addition will help meet a potential need in the 2017-2019 time period that was identified in its 2010 Resource Plan and that it will lower the overall cost of service to its North Dakota ratepayers.

The issue to be considered is whether NSP's 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 costs assigned to North Dakota.

The Commission will hold a **public hearing** for consideration of the Application on **October 15, 2015 at 8:00 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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