

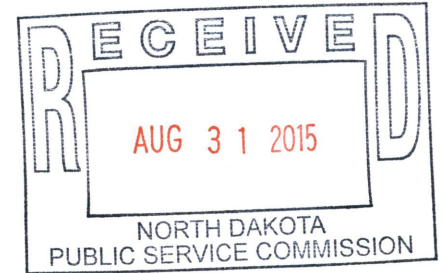
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Darrell Nitschke, Executive Director
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In re: Northern States Power Company
Advance Determination of Prudence Application
Case No. PU-15-96

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter please find the original and seven copies of the following **Public Documents**:

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| Sheldon A. Smith* | 1. | <i>Advocacy Staff's Response to Northern State Power's February 13, 2015, Application for Trade Secret Protection and Advocacy Staff's Application for Trade Secret Protection for Richard A. Poich's Testimony;</i> |
| Randall J. Bakke*** | 2. | Direct Testimony of Richard A. Polich, P.E. (Public Version); |
| Scott K. Porsborg*** | 3. | Exhibit 1 – Richard A. Polich Curriculum Vitae; |
| Suzanne M. Schweigert* | 4. | Exhibit 2 – Regulatory Proceedings Testimony List; |
| Mitchell D. Armstrong** | 5. | Exhibit 3 – NSP Response to Data Request 2-1; |
| Stacy M. Moldenhauer** | 6. | Exhibit 4 – NSP Response to Data Request 2-3; |
| David J. Smith** | | |
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7. Exhibit 5 – NSP Load Forecasts Adjusted for Current MISO Reserve Margin Calculation Method;
8. Exhibit 6 – NSP Response to Data Request 2-4;
9. Exhibit 7 – NSP Response to Data Request 2-11 (Trade Secret Data Filed Separately Pursuant to N.D.A.C. 69-02-09); and
10. Affidavit of Service.

We are also enclosing one copy of the following documents in a sealed envelope labeled “**PROTECTED INFORMATION/TRADE SECRET – PRIVATE**” the following documents:

1. Direct Testimony of Richard A. Polich, P.E. (Private Version);
2. Exhibit 7 – NSP Response to Data Request 2-11 (with Trade Secret Data); and
3. Exhibit 8 – NSP Response to Data Request 1-1.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,



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