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Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



RE: Petition to Intervene – Calpine Corporation
Northern States Power Advance Prudence Determination
Case No. PU-15-096

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find enclosed, the original and seven copies of Calpine Corporation's Petition to Intervene in the above referenced matter together with the Affidavit of C. David Lamoreaux.

The Affidavit of Service by Mail is also included herein. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

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NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR
AN ADVANCE DETERMINATION OF PRUDENCE
FOR A POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH
MANKATO ENERGY CENTER II, LLC FOR
APPROXIMATELY 345 MW OF COMBINED-
CYCLE NATURAL GAS GENERATION

CASE NO. PU-15-096

**PETITION TO INTERVENE OF
CALPINE CORPORATION**

Pursuant to N.D.A.C. § 69-02-02-05, Calpine Corporation on behalf of its affiliates, Mankato Energy Center, LLC and Mankato Energy Center II, LLC, by and through its attorney Blaine T. Johnson of Crowley Fleck PLLP, hereby petitions to intervene in the above-captioned proceedings. In support of this petition, Petitioner hereby states and alleges as follows:

1. Calpine Corporation is a Delaware corporation with corporate headquarters located at 717 Texas Avenue, Suite 100, Houston, TX 77002.
2. Each of Mankato Energy Center, LLC ("MEC I") and Mankato Energy Center II, LLC ("MEC II") is a Delaware Limited Liability Company and affiliate of Calpine Corporation with a principal office located at 717 Texas Avenue, Suite 100, Houston, TX 77002.
3. Calpine Corporation is an independent power producer that specializes in the development, construction, ownership, and operation of wholesale electric generating facilities. Calpine Corporation, through MEC I, owns and operates the Mankato Energy Center, a 375-megawatt natural gas-fired combined-cycle generating facility located in the City of Mankato, Blue Earth County, Minnesota, the output of which is sold to Xcel Energy/Northern States Power under a long term Power Purchase Agreement.

4. As Northern States Power has submitted its Application for an Advance Determination of Prudence for a new Power Purchase Agreement with MEC II, Calpine Corporation, MEC I and/or MEC II are interested parties.
5. Calpine Corporation and its subsidiaries MEC I and MEC II have detailed, first-hand knowledge of the Mankato Energy Center, the available infrastructure, the technology used and incorporated into the proposed expansion, as well the benefits of a combined-cycle power generation facility.
6. Calpine Corporation supports the relief sought by the Application for an Advance Determination of Prudence for the Power Purchase Agreement with MEC II.

Dated this 21st day of September, 2015.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF
C. DAVID LAMOREAUX**

STATE OF TEXAS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF HARRIS)

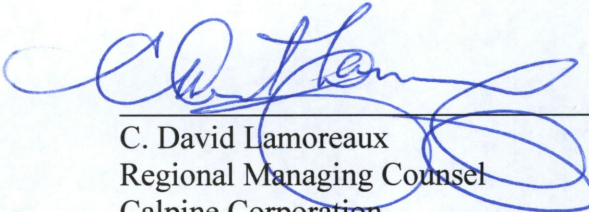
Your Affiant, C. David Lamoreaux, being duly sworn, states under oath as follows:

1. I am the Regional Managing Counsel of Calpine Corporation with a business address of 500 Delaware Avenue, Ste. 600, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.
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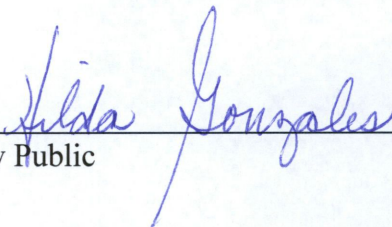
Dated this 21st day of September, 2015.



C. David Lamoreaux
Regional Managing Counsel
Calpine Corporation

On this 21st day of September, 2015, before me personally appeared C. David Lamoreaux, Regional Managing Counsel of Calpine Corporation, and known to me to be the same person who is described in and who executed the within document, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.





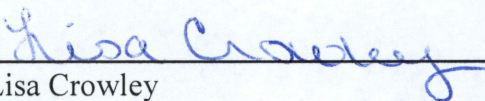
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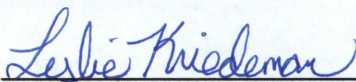
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To the best of affiant's knowledge, the address above given is the actual post office address of the party intended to be served.



Lisa Crowley

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of September, 2015.



Notary Public
Burleigh County, North Dakota
My Commission Expires:

