

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Northern States Power Company/Courtenay Wind
Transfer of Site Certificate
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-15-174

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED, REGULAR, 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 **19th day of May, 2016**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Order on Protection of Information**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Zeviel Simpser
Attorney for Northern States Power Co.
Briggs and Morgan, P. A.
2200 IDS Center
80 South 8th Street
Minneapolis, MN 554201-2157
Cert. No. 7015 3010 000 6559 5366

Alison Archer
Attorney for Northern States Power Co.
Xcel Energy
414 Nicollet Mall, 5th Floor
Minneapolis, MN 55401-1993
Cert. No. 7015 3010 0000 6559 5373

Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **19th day of May, 2016**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by first class mail, fully prepaid, and containing a photocopy of the same.

The envelope was addressed as follows:

David Sederquist
Sr. Consultant, Regulation & Finance
Xcel Energy
2302 Great Northern Drive
Fargo, ND 58102

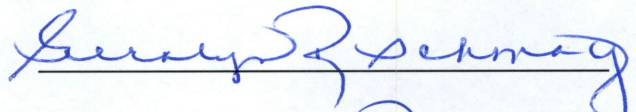
Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **19th day of May, 2016**, she electronically mailed **one** photocopy of the same.

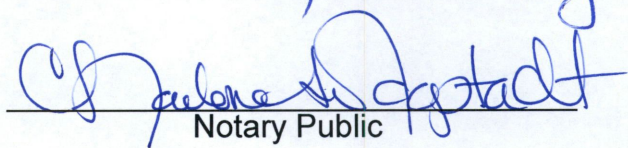
The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

Sagonna Thompson
regulatory.records@xcelenergy.com

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

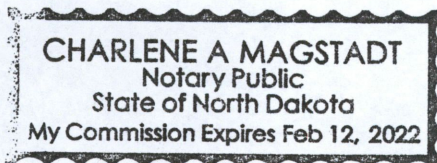
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **19th day of May, 2016**.





Notary Public

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ORDER ON PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

May 18, 2016

On April 30, 2015, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application for trade secret protection pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-09-01 to protect certain trade secret information from public disclosure.

The information for which the NSP seeks protection includes cost information as well as contract terms regarding the Company's proposal to construct, own and operate the 200 MW Courtenay Project.

North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-09-03 requires that the Commission staff examine the information and application and make a recommendation to the Commission. Commission Staff has reviewed the request.

In accordance with N.D. Admin. Code Section 69-02-09-02, the trade secret material has been provided in a sealed envelope labeled TRADE SECRET – PRIVATE. The Commission's process provides a means for interested parties to review the protected documents upon signing a nondisclosure agreement. Having reviewed the Company's application and Commission Staff's recommendation, the Commission has determined that the information satisfies the requirements of North Dakota Century Code for protection of information.

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


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Commissioner