

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company  
230 kV Transmission Line – Ward & McHenry Counties  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-16-644

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED 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 **6th day of October, 2016**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **three** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Notice of Opportunity for Hearing**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Tom Hillstrom  
Principal Permitting Agent  
Xcel Energy  
414 Nicollet Mall, 414-6A  
Minneapolis, MN 55401  
**Cert. No. 7016 0600 0000 4633 7898**

Alison C. Archer  
Assistant General Counsel  
Xcel Energy  
414 Nicollet Mall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Minneapolis, MN 55401-1993  
**Cert. No. 7016 0600 0000 4633 7904**

Dave Sederquist  
Sr. Regulatory/Financial Consultant  
Xcel Energy  
2302 Great Northern Drive  
Fargo, ND 58102  
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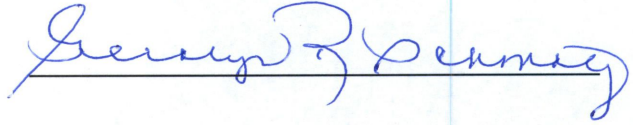
**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** further deposes and says that on the **6th day of October, 2016**, she electronically mailed one copy of the same.

The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

Sagonna Thompson  
[regulatory.records@excelenergy.com](mailto:regulatory.records@excelenergy.com)

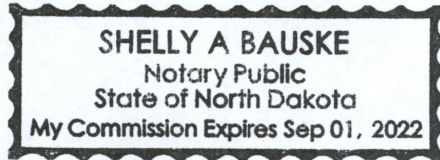
The addresses shown are the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office and electronic mail address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **6th day of October, 2016.**

  
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Notary Public

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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

**October 5, 2016**

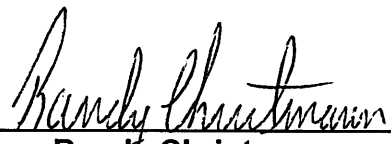
On September 15, 2016, Northern States Power Company (NSP dba Xcel Energy) filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a Minot Load Serving Project consisting of a new Magic City Substation and approximately 20 miles of new 230 kV transmission line between the new substation and Great River Energy's existing McHenry Substation, all in Ward and McHenry Counties of North Dakota. The issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. Whether public convenience and necessity will be served by construction and operation of the facilities.
2. Whether the applicant is fit, willing, and able to provide service.

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceedings and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearing must be received by **November 14, 2016**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

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 the Commission, at least 24 hours in advance.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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Commissioner

  
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Chairman

  
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