

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Northern States Power Company
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery (2017)
Rates**

Case No. PU-16-687

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 January, 2017**, 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:

- **Order on Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Rates**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Alison C. Archer
Assistant General Counsel
Xcel Energy
414 Nicollet Mall, 5th Floor
Minneapolis, MN 55401-1993
Cert. No. 7015 0640 0006 6993 6576

Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **19th** day of **January, 2017**, 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:

Dave Sederquist
Sr. Regulatory/Financial Consultant
Xcel Energy
2302 Great Northern Drive
Fargo, ND 58102

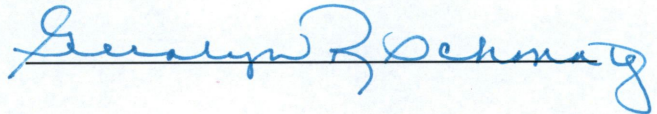
Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **19th day of January, 2017**, she electronically mailed one copy of the same.

The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

Sagonna Thompson
regulatory.records@excelenergy.com

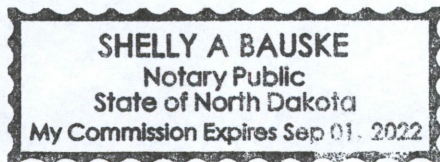
The addresses shown are the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office and electronic mail addresses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **19th day of January, 2017**.



Notary Public

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ORDER ON RENEWABLE RESOURCE COST RECOVERY RATES

January 18, 2017

Preliminary Statement

On November 1, 2016 Northern States Power Company (NSP or Company) filed an application for approval of its 2017 Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Rider (RER Rider) rate.

On November 30, 2016 the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. A deadline of January 13, 2017 was set for comments and requests for a hearing. No comments or requests were received.

This filing was NSP's second annual update to its RER Rider. The RER Rider was first approved by Commission order on February 26, 2014.

There are no new projects included in this filing. The RER Rider will continue to reflect the costs to North Dakota customers for North Dakota's share of the two Company owned wind projects in North Dakota, the Border Winds and Courtenay Projects.

The filing requests a decrease of \$134,811 over the currently effective revenue requirement. The current rate is \$0.000936 per kilowatt-hour for all customer classes. The 2017 rate will be \$0.000898 per kilowatt-hour. For the average residential customer using 750 kilowatt-hours, the decrease will be \$0.03 per month, or \$0.67 as compared to the current billing of \$0.70.

The proposed rate complies with the tariff and the costs for the Border Winds and Courtenay Projects are reasonable and prudent.

Order

The Commission orders:

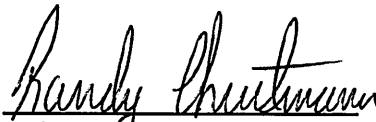
1. Northern States Power Company's request for a rate adjustment for its Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Rider is approved.

2. The Company shall file a compliance tariff within 10 days after the date of this order. The Company may adjust the rate to reflect that recovery will occur over less than a twelve month period as part of its compliance filing.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Brian P. Kalk
Commissioner



Randy Christmann
Chairman



Julie Fedorchak
Commissioner