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VIA U. S. AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Blvd.
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: COURTENAY WIND ENERGY PROJECT
2017 CERTIFICATE OF OPERATON
CASE NO.: PU-15-174

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

In compliance with North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-09-09-03, Northern States Power Company, owner of the Courtenay wind generating facility in central North Dakota, hereby submits the facility's Certificate of Operation for the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2017.

Please contact me if you have further questions or concerns regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David H. Sederquist'.

David H. Sederquist
Sr. Regulatory Consultant

**CERTIFICATE OF OPERATION
 COURTENAY GENERATING FACILITY
 2017 CALENDAR YEAR**

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
 COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

I, Christopher B. Clark, under oath states, that I am President of Northern States Power Company Minnesota, a Minnesota corporation, and that the production data below is true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Courtenay Nameplate Capacity: 200 MW		
Month	MWh Generated	Capacity Factor
Jan	79,014	53.1%
Feb	66,771	49.7%
Mar	64,735	43.5%
Apr	59,958	41.6%
May	67,640	45.5%
Jun	58,471	40.6%
Jul	42,918	28.8%
Aug	34,489	23.2%
Sep	59,988	41.7%
Oct	75,305	50.6%
Nov	70,981	49.3%
Dec	76,133	51.2%
2017	756,401	43.2%

 Christopher B. Clark, President-NSPM

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of August, 2018.



 Notary Public
 My Commission Expires: 1-31-19