



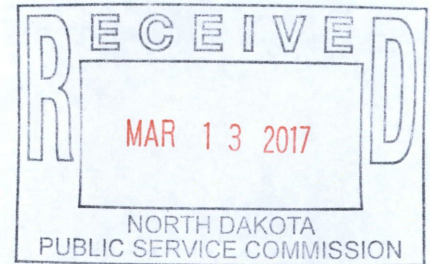
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March 10, 2017

**VIA FEDEX**

Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
Department 408  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



**Re: Northern States Power Company – Minot Load Serving Project-Siting  
Application Case No PU-\_\_\_\_\_**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Pursuant to N.D.C.C. Ch. 49-22, Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (NSP, Xcel Energy, or the Applicant) submits the enclosed Consolidated Application for a Waiver or Reduction of Procedures and Time Schedules and Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Transmission Facility Route Permit (Application) for the Minot Load Serving Project. An original and six copies of the Application are enclosed. Xcel Energy has provided an electronic version of this filing on the enclosed CD. A check payable to the Commission in the amount of \$100,000 is enclosed for the filing fee pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 49-22-22(f) as well as a signed verification.

Please feel free to contact me at (612) 330-5835 or Mr. Dave Sederquist at (701) 241-8632 with any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Hillstrom

Enclosures

cc: J. Lein  
J. Schuh  
P. Fahn  
I. Jeffcoat-Sacco

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
BEFORE THE  
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

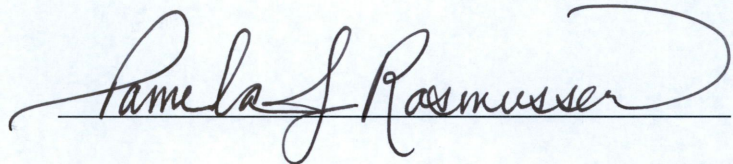
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY  
MINOT LOAD SERVING PROJECT  
SITING APPLICATION

CASE No. PU-\_\_\_\_\_

VERIFICATION

STATE OF MINNESOTA     )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN    )

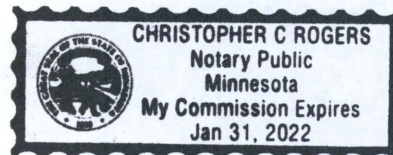
Pamela J. Rasmussen, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that she is a Senior Manager, Siting and Land Rights for Xcel Energy Services Inc. on behalf of Applicant Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation in the above captioned matter, that she has read said application, knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.

  
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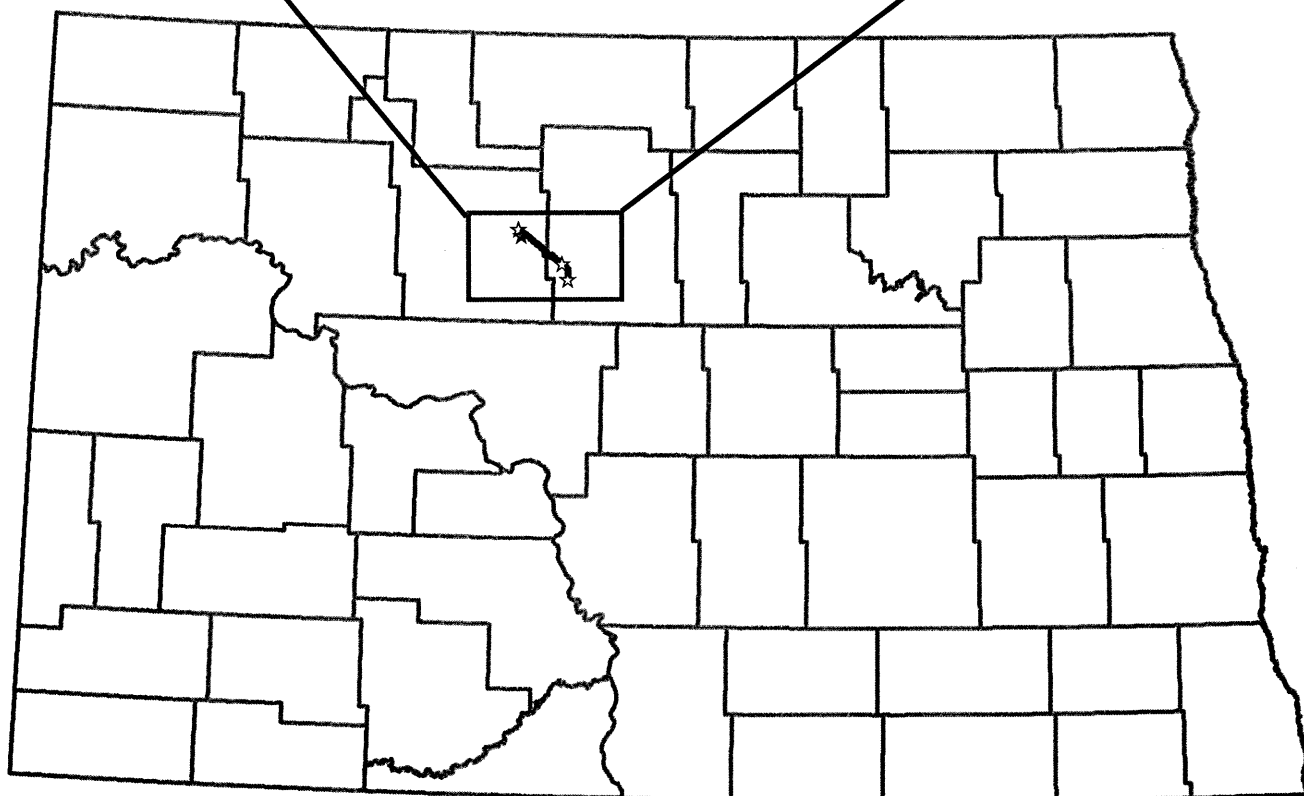
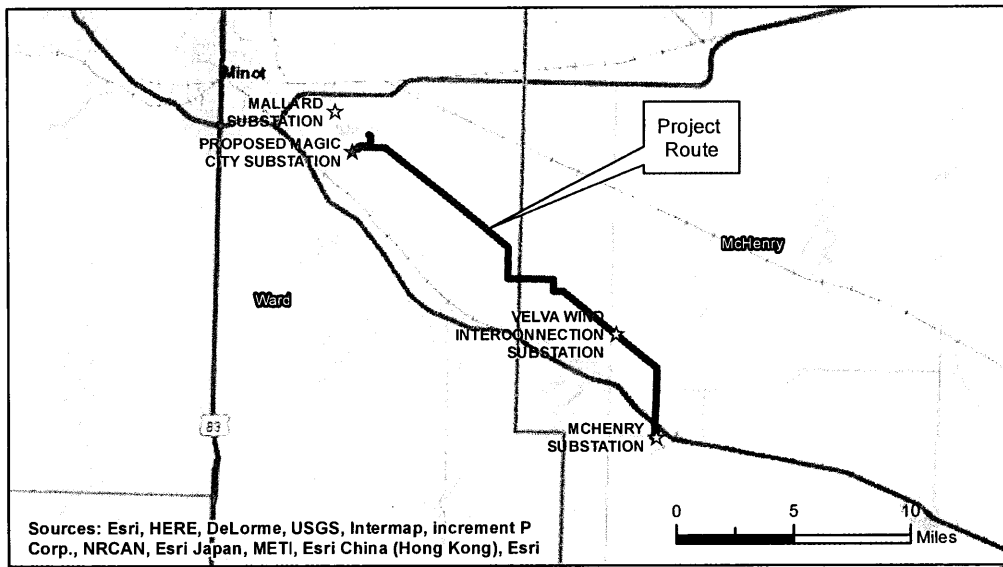
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 1-31-2022

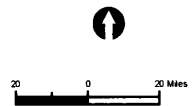


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North Dakota

- Legend**
- Project Route
  - ★ Proposed Substation
  - ☆ Substation



**Minot Load Serving Project**  
 McHenry and Ward Counties, North Dakota

**Figure 1**  
**Project Location Map**  
 March 2017

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company  
Minot Load Serving Project

Case No. PU-17-\_\_\_\_\_

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY MAIL

STATE OF MINNESOTA    )  
  )ss  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN    )

Theresa A. Senart deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **10th day of March, 2017**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, **two boxes** with proper postage, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of the following:

- 1) **Consolidated Application for a Waiver or Reduction of Procedures and Time Schedules and Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Transmission Facility Route Permit (Application).**

The boxes were addressed as follows:

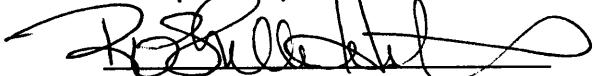
Devra Smestad  
Ward County Auditor  
PO Box 5005  
Minot, ND 58702-5005

Darlene Carpenter  
McHenry County Auditor  
407 Main Street South, Room 201  
Towner, ND 58788

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

Theresa Senart

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

  
Notary Public

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