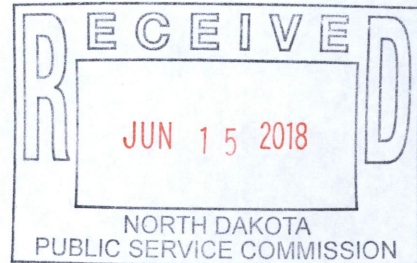




June 15, 2018

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



**Subject: Northern States Power Company - Minot Load Serving Project-
Submittal of Tree Mitigation Plan
Case No PU-17-102**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed with this letter is a Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan for the Minot Load Serving Project. The Project was approved by the North Dakota Public Service Commission on October 4, 2017 under Corridor Certificate Number 200 and Route Permit Number 211 (Case No. PU-17-102). Item Number 23 in the Certificate required a tree and shrub mitigation plan to be submitted for Commission approval.

Five copies of the plan are enclosed. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to me at 612-330-5835 or by email at thomas.hillstrom@xcelenergy.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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