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VIA EMAIL AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

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

Re: NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
ADVANCE PRUDENCE-1,550 MW WIND PORTFOLIO APPLICATION
CASE NO. PU-17-_____

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, respectfully submits this Application for an Advance Determination of Prudence for a 1,550 MW portfolio of wind generation to be added to the integrated NSP System. The Company's proposed wind portfolio is comprised of seven resource additions that include self-build, build-own-transfer, and power purchase agreement options located in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa.

The Company's Application and supporting testimony contain trade secret information. In accordance with Section 69-02-09-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, an Application for Trade Secret Protection is being provided along with a single copy of the trade secret version of the Application and supporting testimony in a sealed envelope marked **PROTECTED INFORMATION – PRIVATE**.

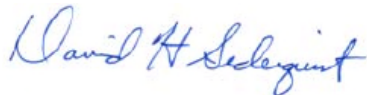
An original and ten copies of the public version of our Application are also being provided, along with the following:

- Direct testimonies of Company witnesses Aakash Chandarana and Philip Joseph Martin, supporting the Company's Application;
- Verifications for the testimonies of Mr. Chandarana and Mr. Martin;
- CD containing the public version of the Application, testimonies and verifications, and Application for Trade Secret Protection; and
- A filing fee of \$175,000.

The Company is providing the \$175,000 filing fee as required by N.D.C.C. § 49-05-16(1)(b).

Please feel free to contact me at (701) 241-8632 or dave.sederquist@xcelenergy.com should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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