

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence – 1,550 MW Wind Generation
Application

Case No. PU-17-120

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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 March 2018**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **three** envelopes by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of:

- **Joint Request To Postpone Consideration of Application And Withdrawal Of First Revised Settlement Agreement**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

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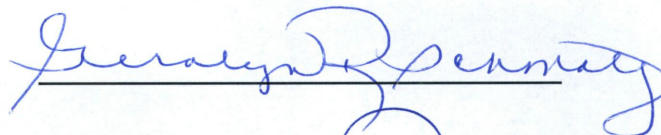
Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **19th day of March 2018**, she electronically mailed one copy of the same.

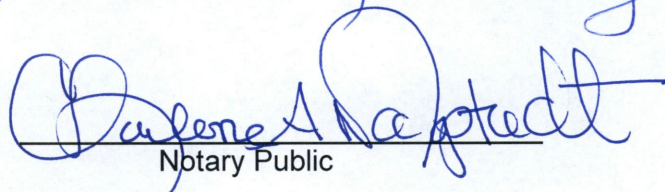
The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

regulatory.records@excelenergy.com

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

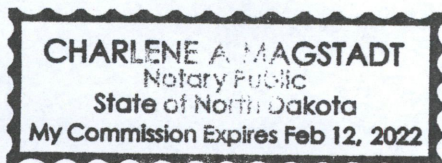
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **19th day of March 2018.**





Notary Public

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March 19, 2018

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

**Re: Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence – 1550 MW Wind Portfolio
Application
Case No. PU-17-120
OAH Case No. 20170229**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) was signed by President Trump. While evaluation of the precise impacts of the new legislation is ongoing, the TCJA is likely to affect the costs and benefits of the 1,550 MW Wind Portfolio that is the subject of this proceeding. In light of the passage of the TCJA, Commission Advocacy Staff and Applicant, Northern States Power Company (Xcel Energy or the Company) have been in discussion regarding the impacts that it may have on the North Dakota Public Service Commission's review of this proceeding.

As an initial matter, Advocacy Staff and the Company respectfully request that the Commission postpone consideration of the Company's application in this Case. Postponing consideration of this Case will allow additional time for the Parties to update the record to reflect the impact of the TCJA and to analyze the effects of the TCJA on the prudence of the 1,550 MW Wind Portfolio. Advocacy Staff and the Company will propose a new procedural schedule for this proceeding upon completion of further analysis. To accommodate this request, Xcel Energy waives the seven (7) month time-frame for Commission review of its application as provided for by N.D.C.C. § 49-05-16(2).

Further, the Company and Advocacy Staff hereby withdraw the First Revised Settlement Agreement (Settlement) filed in this Case on September 22, 2017. The Settlement was premised on the record established in this Case prior to the passage of the TCJA. Both the Company and Advocacy Staff agree that it is appropriate to withdraw the Settlement until such time as further analysis can be conducted. Consequently, as between the Company and Advocacy Staff, the Settlement is hereby deemed terminated and of no further force and effect as of the date of this

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letter. Advocacy Staff and the Company reserve the right to enter into a further settlement agreement should the facts and circumstances so warrant.

Advocacy Staff and the Company look forward to reconvening these proceedings at an appropriate time. Please feel free to contact Mr. Schuh or Mr. Simpser should the Commission have any questions.

/s/ John Schuh
John Schuh
North Dakota Public Service Commission
Advocacy Staff

/s/ Zeviel Simpser
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Attorney for Northern States Power Company

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