

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company
Advanced Prudence – Biomass PPAs
Application

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

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 **30th day of November, 2017**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing photocopy of:

- **Notice of Consolidated Hearing**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Dave Sederquist
Sr. Consultant, Regulatory & Finance
Xcel Energy
2302 Great N Drive
Fargo, ND 58102
Cert. No. 7017 2400 0001 0890 3875

Zeviel Simpser
Briggs and Morgan, P. A.
2200 IDS Center
80 South Eighth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55402-2157
Cert. No. 7017 2400 0001 0890 3882

Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **30th day of November, 2017**, she electronically mailed one copy of the same.

The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

Matthew Langan
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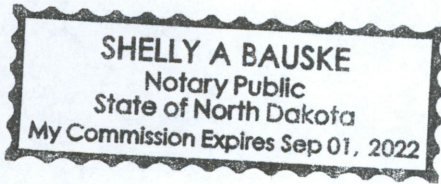
The addresses shown are the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable mailing and electronic addresses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **30th day of November, 2017**.

Jeremy D. Schweg

Shelly A Bauske
Notary Public

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NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED HEARING

November 29, 2017

A consolidated **public hearing** on the captioned cases will be held beginning **February 2, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. CDT** in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505.

On June 30, 2017, in Case No. PU-17-270, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an Application for Advance Determination of Prudence regarding its proposal to (1) terminate its biomass power purchase agreement with Benson Power, LLC, acquire the Benson facility and subsequently close the facility; (2) terminate its power purchase agreement with Pine Bend biomass facility early through a series of negotiated terms and (3) extend the terms of its Hennepin Energy Recovery Center power purchase agreement on more favorable terms.

Also on June 30, 2017, in Case No. PU-17-271, NSP filed an Application for Deferred Accounting to defer the costs associated with the purchase and closure of the Benson plant and the costs associated with the closeout of the Pine Bend Power Purchase Agreement.

On August 10, 2017, in Case No. PU-17-322, NSP filed an application for deferred accounting treatment for the costs of terminating its Laurentian Power Purchase Agreement.

The issues to be considered in these matters are:

1. Is NSP's proposal to terminate its biomass power purchase agreement with Benson Power, LLC, acquire the Benson facility and subsequently close the facility prudent?

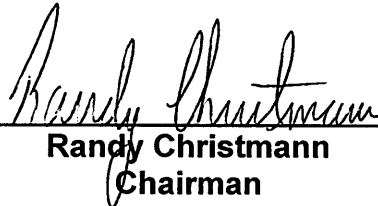
2. Is NSP's proposal to terminate its power purchase agreement with Pine Bend biomass facility prudent?
3. Is NSP's proposal to extend the terms of its Hennepin Energy Recovery Center power purchase agreement prudent?
4. Should the Commission grant deferred accounting treatments for the costs of the proposed Benson transactions?
5. Should the Commission grant deferred accounting treatments for the costs of terminating the Laurentian and Pine Bend Power Purchase Agreements?

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or 877-245-6685 (toll free in North Dakota), or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

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