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December 27, 2017

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Public Service Commission  
Attention: Darrell Nitschke  
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 480  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

In re: Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence - Biomass PPAs  
Application  
PU-17-270

Northern States Power Company  
Deferred Accounting - Biomass PPAs  
Application  
PU-17-271

Northern States Power Company  
Deferred Accounting - Laurentian PPA Termination  
Application  
PU-17-322

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- Suzanne M. Schweigert\*
- Mitchell D. Armstrong\*\*
- Stacy M. Moldenhauer\*\*
- David J. Smith\*\*
- Brian D. Schmidt\*
- Tyler J. Malm\*
- Sarah E. Wall\*\*▲
- Austin T. Lafferty\*
- Ian J. Arendt\*

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter please find the original and seven copies of the following **Public Documents**:

1. Advocacy Staff's Response to Northern State Power's Applications for Trade Secret Protection and Advocacy Staff's Application for Trade Secret Protection for James A. Heidell's Testimony;
2. Direct Testimony of James A. Heidell, including exhibits JAH-1, JAH-2 (Public), JAH-3 (Public), JAH-4, and Verification
3. Direct Testimony of Joel F. Jeanson, including exhibit JFJ-1 and Verification;
4. Affidavit of Service.

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**Letter and Affidavit of Service**

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We are also enclosing one copy of the following documents in a sealed envelope labeled "**PROTECTED INFORMATION/TRADE SECRET – PRIVATE**" the following documents:

1. Direct Testimony of James A. Heidell (Non-Public Version) including exhibits JAH-2 (Non-Public) and JAH-3 (Non-Public)

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,



MITCHELL D. ARMSTRONG  
Special Assistant Attorney General for  
Public Service Commission Advocacy Staff

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enclosures

cc: ALJ Ward (w/ public documents only) (via U.S. Mail)  
Illona Jeffcoat Sacco (w/ public documents only) (via hand-delivery)  
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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY E-MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA     )  
  )ss  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH     )

Mitchell D. Armstrong states under oath as follows:

1. I swear and affirm upon penalty of perjury that the statements made in this affidavit are true and correct.

2. I am of legal age and on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017, I served the attached Advocacy Staff’s Response to Northern State Power’s Applications for Trade Secret Protection and Advocacy Staff’s Application for Trade Secret Protection for James A. Heidell’s Testimony; Direct Testimony of Joel F. Jeanson; and Direct Testimony of James A. Heidell (public version) upon the following, by mailing a true and correct copy to:

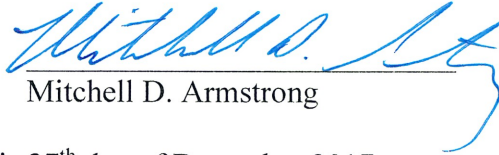
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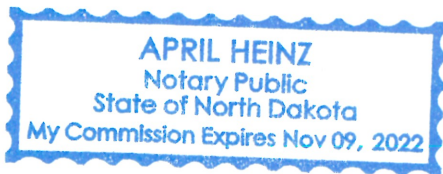
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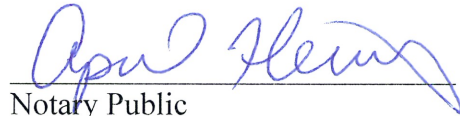
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Mitchell D. Armstrong

Subscribed and sworn before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017.



  
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Notary Public  
Burleigh County, North Dakota