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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
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY – FOXTAIL
CASE NO. PU-17-_____

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, respectfully submits this Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Foxtail wind project. The proposed project will be located on a 20,000 acre site 20 miles west of Ellendale, North Dakota.

The Company's Application contains 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 nine copies of the public version of our Application are also being provided, along with a \$10,000 filing fee in anticipation of the Commission requiring such a fee pursuant to North Dakota Century Code section 49-03-02(3).

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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