

August 30, 2019

VIA EMAIL AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

Steven M. Kahl, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building, Department 408
600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 59505-0480

Re: Northern States Power Company
Advance Determination of Prudence
98.9 MW Mower County Wind Facility
Case No. PU-19-_____

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, respectfully submits this Application for an Advance Determination of Prudence for the Company's acquisition of the 98.9 megawatt (MW) Mower County Wind Facility.

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 10 copies of the public version of our Application are also being provided, along with the following:

- Direct testimonies of Company witnesses Ms. Bria Shea and Mr. Philip Joseph Martin, supporting the Company's Application;
- Verifications for the testimonies of Ms. Shea and Mr. Martin; and
- A filing fee of \$175,000.

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Application for Advance Determination of Prudence - redacted
Northern States Power Company
Zeviel Simpser - Dorsey & Whitney LLP



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

Please contact me at (612) 492-6129 or simpser.zev@dorsey.com, or David Sederquist at (701) 241-8632 or dave.sederquist@xcelenergy.com, if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Zeviel Simpser', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Zeviel Simpser

ZS/tjb

Enclosures

cc: Via Email – Public Version Only:
John M. Schuh (w/encl.)
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