

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence – 98.9 Mower Co. Wind Facility
Application

Case No. PU-19-310

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY REGULAR 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 **19th day of December 2019** she deposited in the United States Mail at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by first class mail, fully prepaid, securely sealed each containing a photocopy of:

- **Order On Protection Of Information**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Zeviel Simpser
Dorsey & Whitney LLP
50 South Sixth Street, Suite 1500
Minneapolis, MN 55402-1498

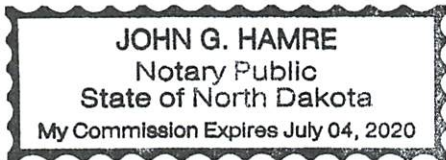
Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **19th day of December 2019**, she sent an electronic message to **one** addressee, each including an electronic copy in portable document format of the same document

The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

Lynnette Sweet
Regulatory Administrator
Regulatory.Records@xcelenergy.com

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office and electronic mail address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **19th day of December 2019**.



SEAL

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and appears to read "J. G. Hamre". Below the line, the words "Notary Public" are printed in a standard font.

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ORDER ON PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

December 18, 2019

Preliminary Statement

August 30, 2019, Northern States Power Company filed an Application for Protection of Information to protect certain information in the captioned case.

On November 4, 2019, staff reviewed the request of the Company for protection of information.

Discussion

The information for which the Company seeks protection includes cost/benefit and modeling information as well as contract terms involving the proposed Purchase and Sale Agreement.

The confidentiality of this information has been maintained by the Company. The information is not disclosed to the public or to persons other than employees or authorized agents who need to know the information to fulfill their responsibilities in connection with the subject matter of the information, would derive economic value to competitors, and damage the bidding process which ultimately would hurt consumers.

The Company has requested that this, and similar types of this information, be treated as trade secret.

North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-02-09-03 provides “the commission staff shall examine the information and application, and file and serve a response that includes a recommendation on whether the information qualifies for protection.”

Staff believes that the application satisfies the requirements of the law, which allows the Commission to grant protection of information in this proceeding.

The Commission concludes the Company's application satisfies the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code for protection of the information, which is the subject of this request.


Order

The Commission orders the August 30, 2019, application of Northern States Power Company for protection of information is GRANTED.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Julie Fedorchak
Commissioner


Brian Kroshus
Chairman


Randy Christmann
Commissioner