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Steven M. Kahl, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
Dept. 0408, State Capitol
600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: REBUTTAL TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
98.9 MW MOWER COUNTY WIND FACILITY
ADVANCE DETERMINATION OF PRUDENCE (Case No. PU-19-310)

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Attached please find Rebuttal Testimony of Company witness Ms. Bria E. Shea in support of the Settlement Agreement reached between Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation operating in North Dakota (“Xcel Energy” or the “Company”) and the Advocacy Staff of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (collectively, the “Parties”) as filed with the Commission on April 8, 2020 in the above referenced matter. Advocacy Staff witness Mr. Victor Schock filed Rebuttal Testimony on April 20, 2020 also in support of the Settlement.

The Rebuttal Testimony of Ms. Shea contains trade secret information in the nature of certain costs of the Mower County Wind Facility transaction. This information is consistent with the type of information approved for protection in the Commission’s ORDER ON PROTECTION OF INFORMATION issued December 18, 2019 in the above-referenced Case. In accordance with Section 69-02-09-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, a single hard copy of the trade secret pages of Ms. Shea’s Rebuttal Testimony is provided in a sealed envelope marked PROTECTED INFORMATION – PRIVATE. We also provide one hard copy of the Public version of the testimony.

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Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, for administrative ease, the Company has not included a notarized verification of the Rebuttal Testimony of Ms. Shea. Pursuant to agreement with Commission Counsel, the Parties will lay foundation verifying this testimony prior to entering it into evidence at hearing in this Case.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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SR. CONSULTANT, REGULATION & FINANCE
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

Enclosures

cc: Via Email – Public Version Only:
- Victor Schock
- Brian Johnson
- Zev Simpser
- Matt Harris

Northern States Power Company
Advance Determination of Prudence
98.9 MW Mower County Wind Facility Application

Case No. PU-19-310

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jim Erickson, hereby certify that I have this day served copies of the foregoing document on parties named therein:

xx by depositing a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at Minneapolis, Minnesota

or

xx electronic filing

Dated this 24th day of April 2020

/s/

Jim Erickson
Regulatory Administrator