

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Northern States Power Company
2021 Electric Rate Increase
Application**

Case No. PU-20-441

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED 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 **7th day of January 2021**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **four** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Notice of Public Input Sessions**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Greg Chamberlain
RVP, Rates & Regulatory, NSPM
Northern States Power Company
414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55401
Cert. No. 7020 1290 0001 6150 6053

David Sederquist
Sr. Regulatory and Financial Consultant
Xcel Energy
PO Box 2747
Fargo, ND 58108-2747
Cert. No. 7020 1290 0001 6150 6060

Matt Harris
Lead Assistant General Counsel
Xcel Energy Services, Inc.
414 Nicollet Mall, 401-8th Floor
Minneapolis, MN 55401
Cert. No. 7020 1290 0001 6150 6077

Zeviel Simpser – Partner
Dorsey & Whitney LLP
50 South Sixth Street, Suite 1500
Minneapolis, MN 55402
Cert. No. 7020 1290 0001 6150 6084

Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **7th day of January 2021**, she sent an electronic message to **five** addressees, each including an electronic copy in portable document format of the same document.

The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

David Sederquist
Xcel Energy
dave.sederquist@xcelenergy.com

Matt Harris
Xcel Energy
Matt.b.harris@xcelenergy

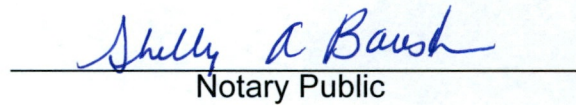
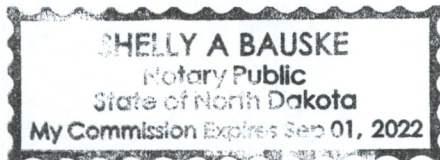
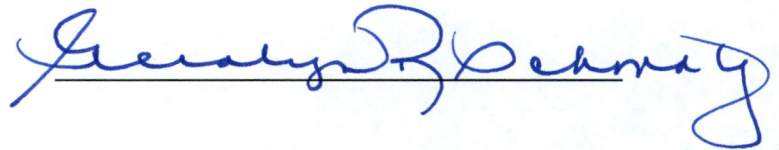
Zeviel Simpser
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Simpser.Zev@dorsey.com

Lynnette Sweet
Xcel Energy
Regulatory.Records@xcelenergy.com

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The addresses shown are the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office and electronic mail addresses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **7th day of January 2021**.



Notary Public

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS

January 6, 2021

On November 6, 2020, Northern States Power Company, dba Xcel Energy, (NSP) filed with the Commission an increase in rates for electric service. NSP's rate increase results in an annual increase in its annual North Dakota electric service revenue of \$22,227,649 or 10.8 percent. Interim rates subject to refund were approved on December 16, 2020.

The Commission will be holding public input sessions on the rate increase request. The public is encouraged to view the public input sessions electronically via <https://psc.nd.gov/public/meetings/live.php> or listen telephonically via 1-888-585-9008 with room code 259-316-322. The issues to be considered are:

The issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. What is the value of NSP's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
2. What is NSP's rate of return on its property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
3. What is a just and reasonable rate of return on NSP's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
4. What rates and charges are necessary to provide a just and reasonable rate of return on NSP's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
5. Are NSP's rate schedules designed in such a manner that they result in a basis of charge to its customers that is just and reasonable without discrimination?

Public Input Sessions will be held **March 4, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. central time** and **March 4, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. central time**. Due to the state emergency, the Public Hearing will be held remotely. A public input session is not considered part of the formal technical hearing and record evidence. The discussion will, however, may aid the Commission and its staff in identifying areas of concern and issues that may require investigation.

- **Written** - Written public input may be submitted through email via ndpsc@nd.gov or by mail addressed to:

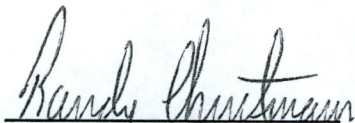
Public Service Commission,
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

- **Telephonic** – The public may provide input over the phone by calling 701-328-4081 to be placed on a list. On March 4, 2021, the Commission will call you back during the designated input session.


Anyone wishing to become a party to this proceeding are encouraged to file a Petition to Intervene as early in the process as possible to allow, if granted intervener status, full participation in prehearing filings and other actions. Consequently, anyone wishing to become a party should file a **Petition to Intervene by March 15, 2021**. A Petition to Intervene does not need to be filed to participate in a Public Input Session.

For more information, contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify the Commission.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


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