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Steve Kahl, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy, --**Case No. PU-20-441**

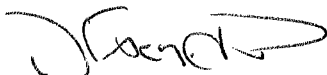
Dear Mr. Kahl:

Attached are an original and seven copies of two filings submitted on behalf of AARP; namely, a **Petition to Intervene** and a **Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice** allowing John B. Coffman to practice before the Commission in the above referenced matter.

As required by Rule 3 of the North Dakota Rules of Practice and Procedure, a copy of the enclosed Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice, Mr. Coffman's affidavit, and Attorney Coffman's Certificate of Admission as an attorney at law (Missouri), have been filed with the North Dakota State Board of Law Examiners.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Dave A. Tschider

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Enclosures

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Northern States Power Company 2021)
Electric Rate Increase Application) Case No. PU-20-441

MOTION FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE

COMES NOW Dave Tschider, of the firm Tschider & Smith, 418 E. Rosser Ave., Ste. 200, Bismarck, ND 58501-4046, and hereby moves the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Rule 3 of the North Dakota Rules of Admission to Practice, for an Order granting the admission of John B. Coffman to appear *pro hac vice* in the above-captioned matter. Grounds for this motion are as follows:

1. John B. Coffman is an attorney with over 32 years of experience as a utility rate expert and attorney. He routinely appears and participates in matters before other state public utility commissions, including rate case appearances in Missouri, Illinois, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, New Jersey, Colorado, South Carolina, Arizona, California, and Minnesota. He is best positioned to represent AARP, with the Commission's permission *pro hac vice*, in this proceeding.

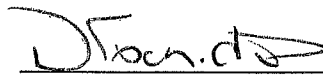
2. John B. Coffman is admitted to practice law in the state of Missouri and is a member in good standing of said bar (MoBar #36591). Attached herewith as Exhibit A is John B. Coffman's affidavit as required by Rule 3 of the North Dakota Rules of Admission to Practice.

9. John B. Coffman is designating Dave Tschider, of the firm Tschider & Smith, 418 E. Rosser Ave., Ste. 200, Bismarck, ND 58501-4046, as an associate attorney, who is admitted and licensed to practice law in the State of North Dakota.

10. Pursuant to Rule 3 of the North Dakota Rules of Admission to Practice, I respectfully request the Commission issue an Order granting permission for John B. Coffman to practice before the Commission *pro hac vice*.

Respectfully submitted this 29 day of January, 2021.

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Attached: Exhibit A—Certificate of Good Standing

The Supreme Court of Missouri



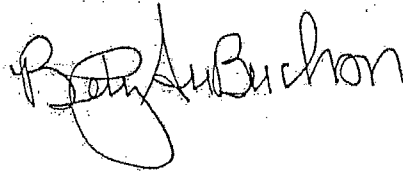
*Certificate of Admission as an
Attorney at Law*

I, Betsy AuBuchon, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Missouri, do hereby certify that the records of this office show that on 10/13/1989,

John Bruce Coffman

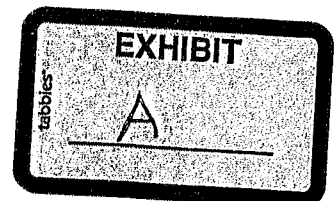
was duly admitted and licensed to practice as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in the Supreme Court of Missouri and all courts of record in this state, and is, on the date indicated below, a member in good standing of this Bar.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the Supreme Court of Missouri at my office in Jefferson City, Missouri, this 19th day of January, 2021.



Betsy AuBuchon

Clerk of the Supreme Court of Missouri



**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Northern States Power Company 2021) Case No. PU-20-441
Electric Rate Increase Application)

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF AARP

Comes Now AARP¹, pursuant to Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure 69-02-01-05, 69-02-01-06, and 69-02-01-07, and respectfully petitions for intervention in the above-captioned matter.

In support of this petition, AARP states as follows:

1. On November 6, 2020, Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation doing business as Xcel Energy (“Xcel” or “Company”) filed a request for a 10.8% increase in its revenue requirement for its North Dakota customers.

2. AARP, with millions of members in all 50 States and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, nationwide organization that helps people turn their goals and dreams into real possibilities, strengthens communities and fights for the issues that matter most to families such as healthcare, employment and income security, retirement planning, affordable utilities and protection from financial abuse. AARP has over 84,000 in North Dakota, many of whom are residential electric customers of the Applicant Company.

¹In 1999, the “American Association of Retired Persons” changed its name to simply “AARP”, in recognition of the fact that people do not have to be retired to become members.

3. AARP's interest in this matter and its grounds for intervention relate to the substantial increase in electric rates proposed by Xcel for the residential customer class. AARP desires to advocate on behalf of residential electric customers in this case to ensure that their rates overall are no higher than a level that is just and reasonable, and to further ensure that residential customers do not pay more than their fair share compared to larger customer classes.

4. The Xcel proposals in this case would directly and adversely impact many customers who are aged 50 and over. People aged 50 and over are more vulnerable to increases in energy prices. Generally, these consumers also devote a higher percentage of their total spending than do other age groups towards residential energy costs. Many older consumers also have special needs and safety concerns regarding their access to electric service.

4. AARP believes that its intervention and participation in this proceeding would serve the public interest. AARP's intervention would not unduly delay the proceedings nor would it prejudice the rights of other parties.

5. A *Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice* of John B. Coffman is being filed simultaneously at the North Dakota Public Service Commission and with the North Dakota Board of Law Examiners. Mr. Coffman has 32 years of experience as a utility rate expert and attorney. He routinely appears and participates in matters before other state public utility commissions, including rate case appearances in Missouri, Illinois,

Georgia, Florida, Alabama, New Jersey, Arizona, Colorado, South Carolina, and Minnesota. Mr. Coffman has been permitted to appear *pro hac vice* in previous rate cases in North Dakota, including the ongoing Case No. PU-20-379.


6. Service of any document or orders in this matter should be addressed to:

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WHEREFORE, AARP respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Petition to Intervene, entitling it to fully participate in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted this 29 day of January _____, 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the original and seven (7) copies of the foregoing, along with the Motion for Admission Pro Hoc Vice with Affidavit of John B. Coffman, was hand delivered/mailed/emailed, on this 29 day of January, 2021 to the following:

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