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Mr. Steven M. Kahl
Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building, Department 408
600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
ADVANCE DETERMINATION OF PRUDENCE
460 MW SHERCO SOLAR FACILITY
CASE NO. PU-21-_____

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy (the Company), respectfully submits this Application for an Advance Determination of Prudence (ADP) for 460 MW of grid-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) capacity to be developed at the Company's Sherburne County (Sherco) generation facility site (Sherco Solar Project) subject to the Company's proposed cost assignment methodology.

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 (N.D.A.C.), 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 ten copies of the public version of our Application are also being provided, along with the following:

- Direct testimonies of Company witnesses Mr. Greg P. Chamberlain and Ms. Farah L. Mandich, supporting the Company's Application;
- Verifications for the testimonies of Mr. Chamberlain and Ms. Mandich; and
- CD containing the public version of the Application, testimonies and verifications, and Application for Trade Secret Protection.

EXHIBIT 1



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

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,

DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zev Simpser', written over a horizontal line.

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