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Steven M. Kahl
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Re: NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
ADVANCE DETERMINATION OF PRUDENCE
460 MW SHERCO SOLAR FACILITY
CASE NO. PU-21-152
OAH FILE NO. 20210274

Dear Mr. Kahl:

On behalf of Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation doing business as Xcel Energy, enclosed for filing in the above referenced case, please find Applicant Northern States Power Company's Post-Hearing Brief, Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order; an alternative Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order; and an Affidavit of Service. The Company is providing alternative proposed findings because in pre-filed testimony and at hearing it recommended approval of the requested ADP, but also presented an alternative proxy price methodology option for the Commission's consideration.

The Post-Hearing Brief contains trade secret information. This is the same type of information as identified in the Company's April 26, 2021 Application for Trade Secret Protection, which the North Dakota Public Service Commission approved in its ORDER GRANTING TRADE SECRET PROTECTION issued October 21, 2021 in the above-captioned case.

In accordance with Section 69-02-09-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code (N.D.A.C.), a single copy of the trade secret version of the Post-Hearing Brief is provided in a sealed envelope marked **PROTECTED INFORMATION – PRIVATE**.

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Letter Enclosing Post-Hearing Brief and Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Orders & Affidavit of Service
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Sincerely,

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