

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company  
2020 Electric  
Annual Report

Case No. PU-21-160

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 **4th day of April 2022**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Order on Protection of Information**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Dave Sederquist  
Sr. Consultant, Regulation & Finance  
Xcel Energy  
2302 Great Northern Drive  
Fargo, ND 58102  
**Cert. No. 7021 2720 0001 0491 5241**

**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** further deposes and says that on the **4th day of April 2022**, she sent an electronic message to **two** addressees, each including an electronic copy in portable document format of the same document.

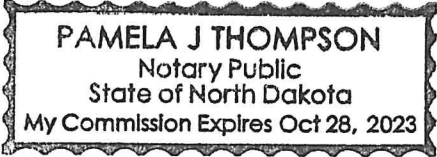
The electronic mails were addressed as follows:

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Xcel Energy  
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The addresses shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office and electronic addresses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **4th day of April 2022**.



*[Handwritten Signature]*  
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*Pamela J Thompson*  
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Notary Public  
*[Handwritten Signature]*

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**ORDER ON PROTECTION OF INFORMATION**

**MARCH 30, 2022**

On October 14, 2021, Northern States Power Company (NSP or Company) filed an Application for Protection of Information to protect certain information in the captioned case. The information for which the Company seeks protection includes Company risk management and trading polices.

The Company states that this information is commercial information because it is “information pertaining to buying and selling of goods and services that has not been previously publicly disclosed and that if the information were to be disclosed . . . would cause substantial competitive injury to the person from which the information was obtained,” as provided in N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18.4(2)(a).

The Company further states that the cost information is trade secret, under N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18.4(2)(d) and § 47-25.1-01(4), because it is information that “(1) [d]erives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons that can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; and (2) [i]s the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain the secrecy of the information.”

The application further states that the information could have economic value to other entities that enter into business transactions with the Company. Disclosure could be harmful for the Company’s customers in North Dakota.

The confidentiality of this information has been maintained by NSP. The information is not disclosed to the public or to persons other than employees or authorized agents who need to know the information to fulfill their responsibilities in connection with the subject matter of the information.

NSP has requested that this, and similar types of this information, be treated as trade secret in all of NSP’s regulatory filings and other sharing of this information with governmental entities.

The persons or entities that would obtain economic value from disclosure or use of the information include investors and potential investors in NSP; entities with which NSP currently conducts or may conduct business; and other utilities. Disclosure of the

information sought to be protected would provide these persons and entities prior foreknowledge of information not readily available to the public.

Staff reviewed the request of NSP for protection of information. Staff believes that the application satisfies the requirements of the law, which allows the Commission to limit access to and release of the information.

Having reviewed the application and staff response, the Commission concludes that it is in the public interest to limit access to the information according to staff's recommendations.

### Order

The Commission orders:

1. The specified information be withheld from public disclosure and the Public Service Commission website.
2. That availability to the specified information be limited to the administrative law judge, the Commission, counsel, and siting analysts assigned to the captioned case.

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