

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Northern States Power Company
2021 Natural Gas Rate Increase
Application**

Case No. PU-21-381

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 **29th day of April 2022**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **five** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Notice of Public Hearing**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Zeviel Simpser
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Cert. No. 7021 2720 0001 0491 9379

Matt Harris
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414 Nicollet Mall, 401 – 8th Floor
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Dave Sederquist
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Tschider & Smith
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John Coffman
John B. Coffman, LLC
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Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **29th day of April 2022**, she sent an electronic message to **six** addressees, each including an electronic copy in portable document format of the same document.

The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

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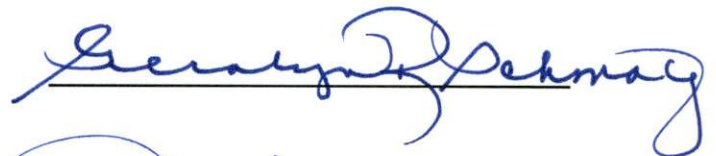
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The addresses shown are the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office and electronic mail addresses.

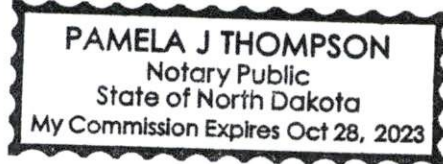
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **29th day of April 2022**.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geraldine Schmay", written over a horizontal line.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pamela J. Thompson", written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the words "Notary Public" are printed.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

April 28, 2022

Please take notice that beginning on **June 1, 2022, at 8 am central time** the Commission will conduct a **Public Hearing** in the Commission Hearing Room, 12th floor, State Capitol, 600 East Boulevard Ave, Bismarck, North Dakota.

On September 2, 2021, Northern States Power Company, dba Xcel Energy, (NSP) filed with the Commission an increase in rates for natural gas service. NSP's rate filing results in an increase in its annual North Dakota natural gas service revenue of \$7.1 million or 10.5 percent. Interim rates subject to refund were approved on October 20, 2021.

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?

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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "St. Kahl", is written over a horizontal line.

Steven M. Kahl
Executive Secretary
Public Service Commission