

April 1, 2022

VIA E-MAIL AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Steven Kahl
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**Re: Northern States Power Company
Border Winds Energy Project Repower
Siting Application – Rolette County
Case Nos. PU-08-797, PU-14-31, and PU-17-362**

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Northern States Power Company (“NSP”) are two copies of this letter and the following documents:

1. Application for Protection of Information;
2. Class I Cultural Resource Literature Review (NON-PUBLIC);
3. 2013 Supplemental Class III Intensive Cultural Resources Inventory Report (NON-PUBLIC); and
4. Cultural resource GIS data (NON-PUBLIC) (on USB).

The two (2) USB drives enclosed contain: (1) electronic copies of the above-referenced non-public reports; and (2) the non-public cultural resource GIS data.

Electronic versions of the Application for Protection of Information and this letter were filed with the Commission today via e-mail.

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Application for Protection of Information (Cultural Resource Info)
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If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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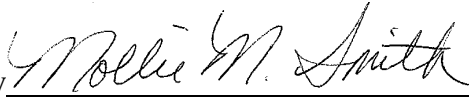
Pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code (“N.D.A.C.”) § 69-02-09-01, Northern States Power Company (“NSP”) submits this application to protect from disclosure certain confidential information filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) in the above-captioned matter. The purpose of this application for protection of information is to protect from public disclosure cultural resource location information pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (“N.D.C.C.”) § 49-22-26 (“The [C]ommission may limit access to, and release of, information that contains data that specifically identifies the location of cultural, archaeological, historical, or paleontological sites.”).

Specifically, NSP requests that the Commission enter an appropriate protective order limiting disclosure of the cultural resource location information contained in Section 4.0 and Exhibits 1-2 of the *Class I Cultural Resource Literature Review* and in Table 5-3 of the *Class III Intensive Cultural Resources Inventory: Supplemental 2013 Investigations* in Appendix C to the Environmental and Regulatory Compliance Memorandum (Exhibit A to the Certification of Christopher Clark filed on March 31, 2022) (“Repower Filing”), along with associated GIS data. Specifically, NSP requests that the information be available only to the Administrative Law Judge, the Commission, the Commission’s counsel, and the Commission’s siting analysts.

Two hard copies and a USB drive containing a PDF copy of the unredacted, nonpublic versions of *Class I Cultural Resource Literature Review* and the *Class III Intensive Cultural Resources Inventory: Supplemental 2013 Investigations* are provided with this application. Also provided is a USB drive containing nonpublic GIS data. Electronic and hard copies of the redacted public version of these reports are provided in the Repower Filing.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2022.

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