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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Northern States Power Company  
2024 Natural Gas Rate Increase Application**

**Case No. PU-23-367  
OAH File No. 20240006**

**LATE-FILED PUBLIC EXHIBIT NSP-20**

Northern States Power Company (the “Company”) submits this late-filed exhibit to provide the Commission with additional information regarding a project in Grand Forks referenced in the Direct Testimony of Company Witness Alicia E. Berger (Exhibit 7) at page 19, lines 9-15. The Commission inquired regarding this project during the hearing on September 3, 2024.

As Company Witness Berger related in her Direct Testimony, the Project in question involved the installation of approximately 2,000 linear feet of 12-inch, high-pressure steel pipeline. This replaced the existing 8-inch pipe. The project was undertaken in order to have sufficient capacity to provide firm transport service to the University of North Dakota.

Earlier, the University used aging coal-fired boilers to create steam for heating purposes throughout the campus. When the University switched to a newer natural-gas powered steam plant, it was presented with various service options and chose to procure its own gas and receive interruptible transport service. It subsequently decided to move to firm transport service after it experienced interruptions consistent with its chosen tariff.

As the University is a substantial customer, the Company needed additional capacity to be able to provide it with firm service. Specifically, a portion of the distribution system with 8-inch pipe had to be upgraded to 12-inch, high-pressure pipe. **[TRADE SECRET BEGINS**

**TRADE SECRET ENDS]** other customers are not subsidizing service to the University. Notwithstanding the single customer triggering the need for the project, there is some general benefit to the Company’s system in Grand Forks from the increased capacity.

The project went into service in November 2023 and the University has been receiving firm service since that time.