

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Northern States Power / Cass County Electric Coop.
Fargo, North Dakota
Service Area Agreement**

Case No. PU-24-181

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 **6th day of June 2024**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **three** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Notice of Opportunity for Hearing**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Lauren Steinhäuser
Assistant General Counsel
Xcel Energy Services, Inc.
401 Nicollet Mall – 401, 8th Floor
Minneapolis, MN 55401
Cert. No. 9589 0710 5270 0129 6582 88

Christine Schwartz
Regulatory Administrator
Xcel Energy
414 Nicollet Mall – 401, 7th Floor
Minneapolis, MN 55401
Cert. No 9589 0710 5270 0129 6582 95

Paul Mattys
President, CEO
Cass County Electric Cooperative
4100 32nd Avenue South
Fargo, ND 58104
Cert. No. 9589 0710 5270 0129 6583 01

Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **6th day of June 2024**, she sent an electronic message to **two** addresses, each including an electronic copy in portable document format of the same document.

The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

Regulatory Records
Xcel Energy
regulatory.records@xcelenergy.com

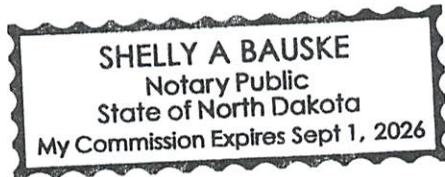
Alex Nisbet
Northern States Power Company
alex.j.nisbet@xcelenergy.com

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office and electronic address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **6th day of June 2024**.



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



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shelly A. Bauske", written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the text "Notary Public" is printed.

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

On March 3, 2024, Northern States Power (NSP) and Cass County Electric Cooperative (Cass Electric) filed an application for approval of a Service Area Agreement (SAA) to designate service locations to be served by NSP and Cass Electric within and around the city of Fargo, North Dakota.

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Whether the SAA complies with North Dakota Century Code section 49-03-06.
2. Whether approval of the SAA and resulting certificate of public convenience and necessity issuance is compatible with the public interest.

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearings must be received by July 19, 2024.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a formal hearing.

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.

Issued: June 5, 2024

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


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Commissioner


Randy Christmann
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Julie Fedorchak
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