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

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Northern States Power Company for	)	Docket No. PU-24-376
Authority to Increase Rates for Electric	)	OAH File No. 20240494
Service in North Dakota	)	

## WALMART INC.'S MOTION FOR APPROVAL FOR COUNSEL AND EXPERT WITNESS TO APPEAR REMOTELY AT HEARING

Walmart Inc. ("Walmart"), an intervenor in this docket, respectfully moves the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") for approval for Walmart's witness Dr. Jaime Lyndsey McGovern<sup>1</sup> to testify remotely at the upcoming hearing scheduled to begin on December 1, 2025. Walmart will make Dr. McGovern, who resides in Arkansas, available for cross-examination at the hearing, but respectfully requests that she be allowed to complete cross-examination remotely via a video conferencing platform (such as Zoom), and that Walmart's undersigned counsel, who resides in Colorado, similarly be permitted to participate remotely.

Prior to filing this Motion, the undersigned contacted the parties in this docket and neither Northern States Power Company nor Advocacy Staff oppose.

Eric S. Austin submitted pre-filed direct testimony on behalf of Walmart on July 8, 2025. No party served Walmart with data requests. Neither Mr. Austin nor Dr. McGovern submitted pre-filed surrebuttal testimony. Walmart anticipates that the cross-examination of Dr. McGovern, if any, will be limited and respectfully requests that she be allowed to testify remotely at the hearing, and that Walmart's undersigned counsel similarly be permitted to participate remotely at the hearing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Dr. McGovern adopts the pre-filed Direct Testimony of Eric S. Austin on behalf of Walmart dated July 8, 2025. Mr. Austin is scheduled for surgery on December 1, 2025, and will be unavailable for at least two weeks.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of November 2025.

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