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November 30, 2010

--Via Electronic Filing--

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER
COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION, AND THE CITY OF GLENCOE
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NEED FOR 115 kV TRANSMISSION LINE
UPGRADES TO THE GLENCOE – WACONIA 69 kV SYSTEM
DOCKET NO. E002/CN-09-1390

Dear Dr. Haar:

Enclosed is the application of Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (“Xcel Energy”) and the City of Glencoe, Minnesota for a Certificate of Need to construct two miles of new 69 kV transmission line, six miles of new 115 kV transmission line, and to upgrade approximately 20 miles of 69 kV transmission line to 115 kV capacity near the cities of Glencoe, Norwood Young America, and Waconia along with the construction of a new substation and certain substation modifications. The project is located within Carver and McLeod Counties of Minnesota.

Xcel Energy will also file an application for a Route Permit with the Commission and believes that it would be efficient to combine the contested case and public hearings in the Certificate of Need and Route Permit proceedings and requests that they be held jointly. *See* Minn. Stat. § 216B.243, subd. 4; Minn. Rule 7850.2600, Subp.3.

The Company is separately sending a check in the amount of \$14,600.00 to cover the application fee as calculated pursuant to Minn. R. 7849.0210, subp. 1. The check covers 100% of the application fee.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Paul Lehman at 612-330-7529.

Copies of this filing have been served on those parties on the attached service list.

SINCERELY,

/s/

TERESA M. MOGENSEN
VICE PRESIDENT, TRANSMISSION AND OPERATING SERVICES

Enclosure
c: Service List

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
BEFORE THE
MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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| David Boyd | Chair |
| J. Dennis O'Brien | Commissioner |
| Thomas Pugh | Commissioner |
| Phyllis Reha | Commissioner |
| Betsy Wergin | Commissioner |

APPLICATION TO THE
MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION FOR A CERTIFICATE
OF NEED FOR 115 KV
TRANSMISSION LINE UPGRADES
TO THE GLENCOE – WACONIA 69
KV SYSTEM

PUC Docket No. E-002/CN-09-1390

FILING SUMMARY

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (“Xcel Energy”) and the City of Glencoe, Minnesota, filed an application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission on November 30, 2010 for a Certificate of Need to construct two miles of new 69 kV transmission line, six miles of new 115 kV transmission line, and to upgrade approximately 20 miles of 69 kV transmission line to 115 kV capacity near the cities of Glencoe, Norwood Young America, and Waconia along with construction of a new substation and certain substation modifications.

The 115 kV upgrades along with the substation additions and modifications and new 69 kV and 115 kV transmission lines are one of several transmission projects that are needed in the southwest Twin Cities area to ensure reliable transmission service during the next several years.

Copies of the Application can be obtained from the Xcel Energy web site at www.xcelenergy.com. If you have questions concerning our filing, you can contact Paul Lehman at (612) 330-7529.

**Application to the Minnesota Public Utilities
Commission for a Certificate of Need for
115 kV Transmission Line Upgrades to the
Glencoe – Waconia 69 kV System**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
MPUC Docket No. E002/CN-09-1390**

Theresa Senart certifies that on the 30th day of November 2010, she filed true and correct copies of **Northern States Power Company and the City of Glencoe’s Certificate of Need Filing Letter, Filing Summary, Application, and Appendices for the 115 kV Transmission Line Upgrades to the Glencoe – Waconia 69 kV System** by posting on www.edockets.state.mn.us. Said documents were also served via U.S. Mail and e-mail through the eDockets system as designated on the Official Service List on file with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in the above-referenced docket. Said documents were also served via U.S. Mail or via courier on the Minnesota Department of Commerce Office of Energy Security and the Residential Utilities Division of the Office of the Attorney General as required by Minnesota Rule 7829.2500, subpart 3 and as indicated on the attached service lists. Said documents were also served via U.S. Mail or courier on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and state agencies with regulatory responsibilities in connection with the proposed facility as required by Minnesota Rule 7849.0200, subpart 2 and as indicated on the attached service lists.

/s/ Theresa Senart
Theresa Senart

Service List Member Information

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| Lindell | John | agorud.ecf@state.mn.us | Office of the Attorney General-RUD | Electronic Service | No |
| Thompson | SaGonna | Regulatory.Records@xcelenergy.com | Xcel Energy | Electronic Service | No |