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June 30, 2011

**--Via Electronic Filing--**

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

RE: NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY AND GREAT RIVER ENERGY  
APPLICATION TO THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR A  
ROUTE PERMIT FOR THE HOLLYDALE PROJECT  
ALTERNATIVE PERMITTING PROCESS  
DOCKET NO. E002/TL-11-152

Dear Dr. Haar:

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (“Xcel Energy”) and Great River Energy are electronically filing an application for a route permit for the Hollydale Project (“Project”) pursuant to the alternative permitting procedures in Minnesota Rules 7850.2800 to 7850.3900.

The proposed Project includes rebuilding approximately 8 miles of existing 69 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line to 115 kV, constructing up to approximately 0.8 miles of new 115 kV transmission line, constructing a new 115 kV substation (to be called Pomerleau Lake Substation), and modifying associated transmission facilities located in cities of Medina and Plymouth in Hennepin County.

This filing consists of the body of the Application and associated appendices, 27 files in total, as follows:

- Cover Letter and Application – 1 file
- Appendix A-1 file
- Appendix B-2 files
- Appendix C-1 file
- Appendix D-1 file
- Appendix E-18 files

Appendix F-1 file  
Appendix G-1 file  
Appendix H-1 file

Enclosed are two paper copies and 1 CD copy of the route permit application. The initial application fee payment and additional copies of the application are being sent to the Department of Commerce under separate cover. Please call me at (612) 330-6435 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*s/ Joseph G. Sedarski*

Joseph G. Sedarski  
Senior Permitting Analyst

Enclosure

cc: Scott Ek, Department of Commerce, Energy Facilities Permitting  
Project Service List

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A  
MINNESOTA CORPORATION (“XCEL ENERGY”)  
AND GREAT RIVER ENERGY FOR A ROUTE  
PERMIT FOR THE HOLLYDALE PROJECT

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**  
**MPUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152**

Roshelle Herstein certifies that on the 30th day of June, 2011, she filed a true and correct copy of Applicants’ Application for a Route Permit by posting it on [www.edockets.state.mn.us](http://www.edockets.state.mn.us). Said document(s) were also served via messenger, U.S. Mail and e-mail as designated on the Official Service List on file with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

*/s/ Roshelle L. Herstein*  
Roshelle L. Herstein