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The Honorable Steve M. Mihalchick
Office of Administrative Hearings
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**Re: In the Matter of a Petition by Excelsior Energy, Inc. for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement Under Minn. Stat. § 216B.1694 and Determination of Least Cost Technology and Establishment of a Clean Energy Technology Minimum Under Minn. Stat. § 216B.1693
MPUC Docket. No. E-6472/M-05-1993
OAH Docket No. 12-2500-17260-2**

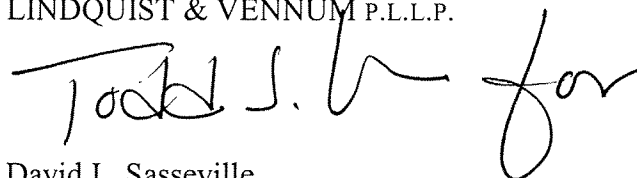
Dear Judge Mihalchick:

Enclosed for filing is an original and 1 copy of Big Stone Partners' Statement of the Case regarding the above-referenced matter. Also enclosed is our Affidavit of Service.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

LINDQUIST & VENNUM P.L.L.P.



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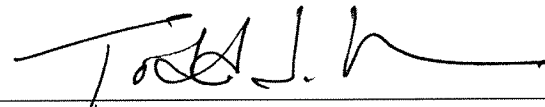
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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Big Stone Unit II Co-owners concur with and adopt the Statement of the Case submitted
by Xcel Energy.

Respectfully submitted,

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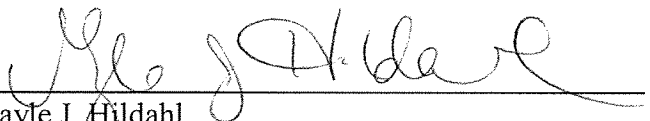
AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
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Gayle J. Hildahl, of the City of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin, the State of Minnesota, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 14th day of August, 2006, she served the attached

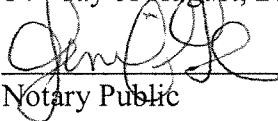
Big Stone Unit II Co-Owner's Statement of the Case

to all said persons on the attached Service List, true and correct copies thereof, by email and/or by depositing the same enclosed in an envelope, postage prepaid in the United States Mail in the post office at Minneapolis, Minnesota.



Gayle J. Hildahl

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of August, 2006.



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