

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
FOR THE  
MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**



In the Matter of the Application of Great  
River Energy, Northern States Power  
Company (d/b/a/ Xcel Energy) and others  
for Certificates of Need for the Cap X  
345-kV Transmission Projects

OAH Docket No. 15-2500-19350-2

PUC Docket No. CN-06-1115

**AFFIDAVIT OF CAROL A. OVERLAND**

Carol A. Overland, after being duly sworn on oath, states and deposes as follows:

1. I am an attorney licensed in good standing to practice in the state of Minnesota, License 254617. I am submitting the attached documents as part of this Offer of Proof in the above-captioned docket.
2. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of a Wall Street Journal article entitled "Surprise drop in power usage delivers jolt to power companies" published November 21, 2008.
3. Attached as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of Xcel's Investor Relations Earnings Release 2008 Year End Summary; available on line at [http://library.corporate-ir.net/library/89/894/89458/items/321993/B011C9EA-D7B1-4723-8326-4595336D24B6\\_Q408-Release\\_0209.pdf](http://library.corporate-ir.net/library/89/894/89458/items/321993/B011C9EA-D7B1-4723-8326-4595336D24B6_Q408-Release_0209.pdf)
4. Attached as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of Otter Tail Corporation 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2009 10K (selected pages), online at <http://www.ottertail.com/investors/sec.cfm>
5. Attached as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of Electric Power Monthly, Chapter 5. Retail Sales, Revenue, and Average Retail Price of Electricity  5.1 Retail Sales of Electricity to Ultimate Customers: Total by End-Use Sector [html](http://www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/electricity/epm/epm_sum.html) . Online at: [http://www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/electricity/epm/epm\\_sum.html](http://www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/electricity/epm/epm_sum.html)
6. Attached as Exhibit E is a true and correct copy of the NERC 2008 Reliability Assessment, released October 2008 (selected pages), p. 68-73, available online at <http://www.nerc.com/files/LTRA2008.pdf>

Further your affiant sayeth naught.

Signed and sworn to before me  
2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2009.

  
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Carol A. Overland MN Lic No. 254617

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# All-purpose Acknowledgment

STATE OF Minnesota , COUNTY OF Goodhue  
On March before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public  
in and for said State, personally appeared  
Carol Ann Overland

personally known to me -OR-  proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence/ to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature Jennifer D. Seidel-Whitley  
Name (type or printed) Jennifer D. Seidel-Whitley  
My commission expires: January 31, 2013

