

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Association of Northern States Power Company (d/b/a Xcel Energy) for a Certificate of Need for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant for an Extended Power Uprate

In the Matter of the Association of Northern States Power Company (d/b/a Xcel Energy) for a Certificate of Need for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plan for Additional Dry Cask Storage

In the Matter of the Association of Northern States Power Company (d/b/a Xcel Energy) for an LEPPG Site Permit for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (PINGP) Extended Power Uprate Project

**PETITION TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF RED WING**

Pursuant this Court's First Pre-Hearing Order dated October 3, 2008, Minnesota Statute Section 216.B.243, Minnesota Rules 7829.0800 subpart 6, and Minnesota Rules 1400.6200, the City of Red Wing hereby Petitions to Intervene with full party status in the above entitled matters before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Red Wing is a city of over 16,000 residents located along the Mississippi River. The Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant has been operating within the Red Wing City Limits since 1973. The City of Red Wing provides police, fire and ambulance services to its businesses and residents, including the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. The Red Wing Fire

Department has agreed to provide certain fire, rescue and other non-fire fighting services in the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant's emergency zone with the city providing other support services (police, coordination) as the situation may require.

The City of Red Wing meets the criteria necessary to intervene for several reasons. Specifically, due to the unique and serious potential risks associated with the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant that directly affect the residents of the City of Red Wing it is unlikely that any other party currently participating in the above entitled matter can adequately represent Red Wing's interest in this matter. Additionally, the proposed Certificate of Need Applications will have a significant financial impact on the City of Red Wing and accordingly, the factual record must be established to reflect the true costs and impacts of the proposed Applications for a Certificate of Need.

This contested case will determine the factual record on which the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission will base its decision to grant or deny Xcel Energy's application for a Certificate of Need for an Extended Power Uprate and Certificate of Need for Additional Dry Cask Storage. Because the outcome of this proceeding will undoubtedly directly affect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Red Wing, the city of Red Wing should be allowed to participate as a party.

For these reasons, the City of Red Wing respectfully requests to intervene.

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