BEFORE THE MINNESOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS 600 North Robert Street P.O. Box 64620 St. Paul, MN 55164-0620

FOR THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION 121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in the State of Minnesota

MPUC DOCKET NO. E-002/GR-15-826 OAH DOCKET NO. 19-2500-33074

SUBURBAN RATE AUTHORITY PETITION TO INTERVENE

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF THE SUBURBAN RATE AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Minnesota Rules Part 7829.0800, the Suburban Rate Authority ("SRA") petitions to intervene as a party in the above docket. The SRA is a municipal joint powers association organized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.59. (Member list attached) Most of the member municipalities of the SRA receive electric service from Northern States Power ("Company"), as well as the residents and businesses residing within those cities.

The member municipalities of the SRA, through the duly elected governing body of each, collectively and individually, have a direct and substantial interest in the proposed rate increases and the issues raised in this proceeding. Due to the suburban Twin City location of SRA members, the SRA represents interests which often cannot be adequately advanced by any other person or public agency. SRA is an interested party to these proceedings in that it may be adversely bound and affected by the outcome regarding an interest peculiar to itself and its members.

Please send notices, pleadings or filing in this proceeding to:

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The SRA respectfully seeks permission to receive full party status in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNEDY & GRAVEN, CHARTERED

Dated: January 5, 2016

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SUBURBAN RATE AUTHORITY MEMBER CITIES

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Bloomington	Maplewood
Brooklyn Park	Minnetonka
Burnsville	Mound
Chanhassen	Orono
Circle Pines	Plymouth
Deephaven	Robbinsdale
Eden Prairie	Roseville
Edina	St. Anthony Village
Fridley	Shakopee
Golden Valley	Shoreview
Hastings	Spring Lake Park
Hopkins	Spring Park
Lauderdale	Wayzata
Maple Grove	Woodbury
Maple Plain	