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—Via Electronic Filing—

Daniel P. Wolf  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: COMPLIANCE FILING  
FREEBORN WIND FARM SITE PERMIT  
DOCKET NO. IP-6949/WS-17-410

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission this Pre-Construction filing for the Freeborn Wind Farm in compliance with the Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) Site Permit, Section 5.2.12, Public Roads.

This Pre-Construction filing is made for a singular phase of the wind farm project: project substation and O&M building site preparation (grading in a row crop agricultural field on land owned by Xcel Energy) and pouring of the concrete pad. Xcel Energy currently has an LWECS Site Permit Amendment application before the Commission and notes that an earlier LWECS Site Permit Amendment is currently the subject of an appeal in the Minnesota Court of Appeals; however, the project substation and O&M building, which are permitted, associated facilities in the original and current LWECS permit are not proposed to be changed in location nor design, and would be built as shown in these documents whether the permit amendment is approved or not, and are not within the scope of the appeal. The same phased approach was used for the Blazing Star 1 and 2 Wind Farm substation projects. The pre-construction documentation herein applies only to the substation and O&M building sites. Pre-construction documentation relative to turbine construction will be filed at a later date.

Site Permit Section 5.2.12, Public Roads states:

*At least 14 days prior to the pre-construction meeting, the Permittee shall identify all state,*

*county, or township roads that will be used for the project and shall notify the Commission and the state, county, or township governing body having jurisdiction over the roads to determine if the governmental body needs to inspect the roads prior to use of these roads. Where practical, existing roadways shall be used for all activities associated with the project. Where practical, allweather roads shall be used to deliver cement, turbines, towers, assembled nacelles, and all other heavy components to and from the turbine sites.*

*The Permittee shall, prior to the use of such roads, make satisfactory arrangements with the appropriate state, county, or township governmental body having jurisdiction over roads to be used for construction of the project, for maintenance and repair of roads that may be subject to increased impacts due to transportation of equipment and project components. The Permittee shall notify the Commission of such arrangements upon request.*

A map depicting the roads that will be used in 2019 O&M Building and Substation construction activities is provided as Attachment A. The current condition of the roads identified in Attachment A have been or will be assessed prior to the 2019 construction activities, and the local governing body having jurisdiction over these roadways have been notified of the planned use of these roadways and condition inspections.


We have electronically filed this letter and copies have been served on the parties on the attached service list. Please contact me at (612) 330-6064 or [bria.e.shea@xcelenergy.com](mailto:bria.e.shea@xcelenergy.com) if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/

BRIA E. SHEA  
DIRECTOR, REGULATORY AND STRATEGIC ANALYSIS

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NO		REVISION					REVISION					REFERENCE DRAWINGS					<div><p><b>NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY</b> <b>FREEBORN WIND FARM</b> <small>Freeborn County, MN &amp; Worth County, IA</small></p></div> <div>THIS MAP/DOCUMENT IS A TOOL TO ASSIST EMPLOYEES IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR JOBS. YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY IS PROVIDED FOR BY USING SAFETY PRACTICES, PROCEDURES, AND EQUIPMENT AS DESCRIBED IN THE SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAMS AND MANUALS.</div> <div><b>ENERGY SUPPLY</b> ENGINEERING &amp; CONSTRUCTION</div>				UNIT 0																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																							
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I, Jim Erickson, hereby certify that I have this day served copies or summaries of the foregoing documents on the attached list(s) of persons.

xx by depositing a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped  
with postage paid in the United States Mail at Minneapolis, Minnesota

or

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**Docket No.           IP-6946/WS-17-410**

Dated this 8th day of November 2019

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