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Minneapolis, MN 55401

April 28, 2026

—Via Electronic Filing—

Sasha Bergman  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7th Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR A ROUTE PERMIT FOR NORTH  
ROCHESTER TO SKYWAY HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT  
DOCKET NO. E002/TL-26-135

Dear Ms. Bergman:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, and Echo Zone LLC, a subsidiary of Google LLC (collectively, the Applicants) submits the enclosed Application for a Route Permit (Application) to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval to construct the North Rochester to Skyway High Voltage Transmission Line Project (the Project). The Project consists of a new, approximately 1.2-mile-long, double-circuit, 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line that will connect Xcel Energy's existing North Rochester Substation to new substation facilities located at the proposed Pine Island development site near the City of Pine Island in Goodhue County, Minnesota. The development site (also known as Project Skyway) is undergoing independent permitting and approval processes with the City of Pine Island.

Appendix H of the Application is marked as "Trade Secret." Certain data contained therein is considered to be not-public data pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13.02, subd. 9, and is Trade Secret information pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13.37, subd. 1(b). This appendix contains maps that show the specific locations of sensitive archaeological and historic sites that are not to be publicly disclosed.

Please contact me at [ellen.l.heine@xcelenergy.com](mailto:ellen.l.heine@xcelenergy.com) if you have any questions regarding this filing.

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Sincerely,

*/s/ Ellen Heine*

ELLEN HEINE  
PRINCIPAL SITING AND PERMITTING AGENT  
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

cc: Service List

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Gustav Gerhardson certifies that on the 28th day of April, 2026, on behalf of Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, and Echo Zone LLC, a subsidiary of Google LLC, he filed a true and correct copy of the **Application for a Route Permit** via [eDockets](#). Said document was also served via electronic service or U.S. Mail as designated on the attached Official Service List on file with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in the above-referenced docket.

*/s/ Gustav Gerhardson*  
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Gustav Gerhardson

| <b>First # Name</b> | <b>Last Name</b> | <b>Email</b>                   | <b>Organization</b>                  | <b>Agency</b> | <b>Address</b>  | <b>Delivery Method</b>  | <b>Alternate Delivery Method</b> | <b>View Trade Secret</b> | <b>Service List Name</b> |           |
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| 1                   | Sasha            | Bergman                        | sasha.bergman@state.mn.us            |               | Public Utilities Commission                                     | 121 7th PI E Ste 350<br>St. Paul MN,<br>55101<br>United States                    | Electronic Service               |                          | Yes                      | TL-26-135 |
| 2                   | Mike             | Bull                           | mike.bull@state.mn.us                |               | Public Utilities Commission                                     | 121 7th Place East, Suite 350<br>St. Paul MN,<br>55101<br>United States           | Electronic Service               |                          | Yes                      | TL-26-135 |
| 3                   | Generic          | Commerce Attorneys             | commerce.attorneys@ag.state.mn.us    |               | Office of the Attorney General - Department of Commerce         | 445 Minnesota Street Suite 1400<br>St. Paul MN,<br>55101<br>United States         | Electronic Service               |                          | Yes                      | TL-26-135 |
| 4                   | Sharon           | Ferguson                       | sharon.ferguson@state.mn.us          |               | Department of Commerce  | 85 7th Place E Ste 280<br>Saint Paul MN,<br>55101-2198<br>United States           | Electronic Service               |                          | No                       | TL-26-135 |
| 5                   | Christine        | Marquis                        | regulatory.records@xcelenergy.com    | Xcel Energy   |   | 414 Nicollet Mall<br>MN1180-07-MCA<br>Minneapolis MN, 55401<br>United States      | Electronic Service               |                          | No                       | TL-26-135 |
| 6                   | Generic Notice   | Residential Utilities Division | residential.utilities@ag.state.mn.us |               | Office of the Attorney General - Residential Utilities Division | 1400 BRM Tower<br>445 Minnesota St<br>St. Paul MN,<br>55101-2131<br>United States | Electronic Service               |                          | Yes                      | TL-26-135 |