



414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

October 12, 2009

Darrell Nitschke, Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building, Dept. 408
600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: In the Matter of Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation,
Corporate Documents
Case No. PU-09-664

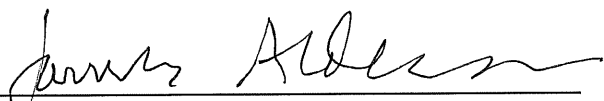
Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed please find a certified copy and seven additional copies of Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation's ("Xcel Energy"), Certificate of Authority issued by the North Dakota Secretary of State. Also enclosed is an original and seven copies of a Certificate of Good Standing issued by the North Dakota Secretary of State. These materials are intended to supplement Xcel Energy's September 30, 2009 filing in the above referenced matter.

Xcel Energy will provide yearly updates to the Certificate of Good Standing enclosed herein.

Please feel free to contact Dave Sederquist at (701) 241-8632 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

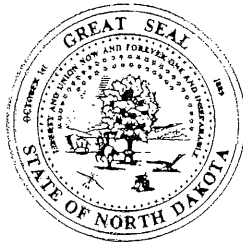


JAMES R. ALDERS
DIRECTOR, REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION

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Enclosures

State of North Dakota

SECRETARY OF STATE



CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING OF

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, hereby certifies that NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, a Minnesota corporation, authorized to transact business in the State of North Dakota on April 10, 2001, and according to the records of this office as of this date, has paid all fees due this office as required by North Dakota statutes governing foreign corporations.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Good Standing to

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

Issued: October 5, 2009

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alvin A. Jaeger".

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State



**CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
FOREIGN CORPORATION
APPLICATION**
SECRETARY OF STATE
SFN 13100A (13100 + 7974) (7-99)

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ID #	16,562,500
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SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR FEES, FILING AND MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.A. The application **MUST** be accompanied by **ALL** of the following:
- Filing fee of \$125 if a **Foreign Business or Professional Corporation**
 - Filing fee of \$40 if a **Foreign Nonprofit Corporation**
 - Signed Consent of Registered Agent and fee of \$10
 - **Current, ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING OR CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE** verifying corporate existence certified by the incorporating officer of the state or country of incorporation.
- B. The following **MAY** be required:
- Certification of professional license from the North Dakota licensing board for the profession
 - Signed consent to use of name and fee of \$10
 - Trade Name Registration and fee of \$25

TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

For reference, see North Dakota Century Code, Section 10-19.1-135 or 10-33-125.

2. Type of corporation applying for Certificate of Authority: (check one)

- Foreign Business Foreign Professional Foreign Nonprofit

3.A. Name of corporation **EXACTLY** as it appears on Certificate of Good Standing from state of origin

B. Federal ID #

Northern States Power Company

C. If the corporation chooses to use a name other than its corporate name, that name is a trade name and must be registered with the North Dakota Secretary of State. (SEE INSTRUCTION 3.C.) If applicable, provide the trade name below and complete the Trade Name Registration form if the selected trade name is not already registered in North Dakota.

D. If the corporation has been notified by the North Dakota Secretary of State that its corporate name is the same as, or deceptively similar to a name already registered, this application for Certificate of Authority must be accompanied by one of the following: (check one)

- Consent to use of name from the conflicting name holder(s)
 An application for registration of a trade name for use in transacting business in North Dakota. The trade name adopted is:

Certified copy of a final decree of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing prior right of this corporation to use of the name in North Dakota

4. Complete mailing address of principal executive office which may not only be a post office box (Street/RR, and PO Box if applicable, city, state, zip+4) 800 Nicollet Mall, Suite 3000, Minneapolis, MN 55402

5.A. STATE or country where incorporated

B. EXACT date incorporated (Month, day, AND year)

C. Duration of corporation

D. Telephone #

Minnesota

March 8, 2000

- Perpetual
 Other (Specify)

612 215 5344

E. Toll-free telephone #

800 328 8226

6.A. Name of required registered agent in **NORTH DAKOTA** (SEE INSTRUCTION 6.A.)

B. Federal ID/social security # of registered agent

Corporation Service Company

C. Address of registered agent in **NORTH DAKOTA** which may not only be a post office box number (Street/RR, and PO Box if applicable, city, state, zip+4) 316 North Fifth Street, P.O. Box 1695, Bismarck, North Dakota 58502

7. Nature of business or activities the corporation intends to conduct in the State of North Dakota

electric and gas utility

8. **OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION**

OFFICE	Check box if officer also serves as director	NAME	COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS					
			Street/RR	PO Box	City	State	Zip+4	
PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	See attached officers/directors rider						
VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>							
SECRETARY	<input type="checkbox"/>							
TREASURER	<input type="checkbox"/>							
DIRECTOR								
DIRECTOR								

9. The undersigned, a person authorized by the corporation to sign this application, knows the contents thereof, and believes the statements made to be true.

Catherine Cleveland 3-30-01

Original signature

Date

10. Name of person to contact about this application

Daytime telephone #

**Northern States Power Company
Officers and Directors**

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer	Wayne H. Brunetti	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Vice President	Paul J. Bonavia	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Vice President & Secretary	Cathy J. Hart	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Vice President & General Counsel	Gary R. Johnson	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Vice President	Kent T. Larson	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Vice President	John L. McAfee	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Vice President & Chief Financial Officer	Edward J. McIntyre	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Vice President & Treasurer	Paul E. Pender	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Vice President	J. T. Petillo	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Vice President & Controller	David E. Ripka	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Vice President	Patricia K. Vincent	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Vice President	David M. Wilks	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Assistant Secretary	Catherine J. Cleveland	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Assistant Secretary	Carol J. Peterson	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Assistant Secretary	Peter F. Rechek	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Assistant Treasurer	Judith A. Delaney	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Assistant Treasurer	Mary P. Schell	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Director	Wayne H. Brunetti	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Director	Richard C. Kelly	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402
Director	Edward J. McIntyre	800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402



**REGISTERED AGENT
 CONSENT TO SERVE**
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1. FILING FEE: \$10.00

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2. Name of the organization for which the registered agent is to serve (corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, limited partnership, limited liability limited partnership or real estate investment trust)

Northern States Power Company

3. Name of the registered agent

Corporation Service Company

4. Registered agent is (Check one)

- An individual North Dakota resident
- A corporation
- A limited liability company
- A limited liability partnership

5. Federal ID # or social security # of registered agent

6. An individual appointed as registered agent must sign a consent to serve in that capacity. When a corporation, a limited liability company, or limited liability partnership is named as registered agent, an officer or someone authorized by the organization may sign on behalf of the corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership.

"The undersigned, as the newly appointed registered agent, agrees to act as the registered agent for this organization until a change, or resignation, is submitted to the Secretary of State under the provisions of North Dakota law."

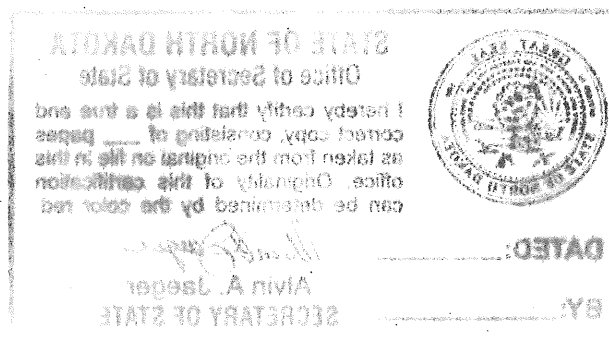
Corporation Service Company

By: *[Signature]*

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Original signature of registered agent

Date



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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
Office of Secretary of State

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy, consisting of 3 pages as taken from the original on file in this office. Originality of this certification can be determined by the color red.

DATED: 10-5-09 *Alvin A. Jaeger*

BY: LVD
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE