

February 2, 2015

Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147

RE: Issues regarding the dispute between Northern States Power Company and Babcock and Wilcox Nuclear Energy, Inc.
Docket No. E002/GR-13-868

Dear Mr. Wolf:

In its January 27, 2015 NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) set an Initial comment period deadline of February 3, 2015 and a Reply comment period deadline of February 10, 2015 with regard to the following two topics:

The Office of Attorney General-Residential Utilities and Antitrust Division's (OAG's) request for procedural guidance on how the Commission would like parties to pursue resolution in this rate case of the issues raised by the dispute between Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy or the Company) and Babcock & Wilcox Nuclear Energy Inc. (BWNE).

The OAG's request for a decision directing Xcel to respond to OAG's information requests on the dispute between Xcel Energy and BWNE.

The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department) offers the following comments regarding the Commission's January 27, 2015 Notice. First, the Department believes the Commission should direct the Company to fully respond to the OAG's information requests in this proceeding regarding the dispute. Second, the Department plans to review the Company's initial comments regarding their proposed procedure to handle the dispute within the current rate case; and will file reply comments on February 10, 2015.

Sincerely,

/s/ DALE V. LUSTI
Financial Analyst

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Marcella Emeott, hereby certify that I have this day, served copies of the following document on the attached list of persons by electronic filing, certified mail, e-mail, or by depositing a true and correct copy thereof properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Minnesota Department of Commerce
Comments

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Dated this 2nd day of February 2015
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