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June 5, 2026

—Via Electronic Filing—

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

RE: **TRIBAL CORRESPONDENCE COMPLIANCE FILING**
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 Tribal Correspondence Compliance Filing as required by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) May 12, 2026 Application Completeness Determination¹ for the North Rochester to Skyway 345 kV Transmission Line Project (Project).

The Commission's Application Completeness Determination required that the Applicants submit a compliance filing documenting that the Applicants have made follow-up phone calls with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices from the tribes that have not responded to previous letters prior to the Project's first public meeting that is currently scheduled for June 15, 2026.²

On November 6, 2025, prior to filing the Route Permit Application for the Project, the Applicants sent initial outreach letters to all federally recognized tribes in Minnesota and tribes that may have ancestral interest in the Minnesota county crossed by the Project.³ On April 21, 2026, the Applicants sent follow-up emails to the eight Minnesota tribes who had not responded to the initial outreach letter.⁴ On June 2 and 3, 2026, the Applicants called the 10 tribes that had not responded to the Applicants' initial outreach

¹ *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, APPLICATION COMPLETENESS DETERMINATION (May 12, 2026) (eDocket No. [20265-231699-01](#)).

² *Id.* at 9.

³ *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, Route Permit Application and Appendices A-G at 119 (April 28, 2026) (eDocket No. [20264-231087-01](#)).

⁴ *Id.* at 121.

letters or follow-up emails. **Attachment A** provides additional details regarding these phone calls.

Please contact me at ellen.l.heine@xcelenergy.com if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellen Heine

ELLEN HEINE
PRINCIPAL SITING AND PERMITTING AGENT
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

Enclosure
cc: Service List

Tribe Contact Follow Up Summary
North Rochester to Skyway High Voltage Transmission Line Project
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THPO	MN Native American Tribal Nation	Address	Email	Phone Number	Caller	Date & Time	Summary of Call
Jaylen Strong	Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	1500 Bois Forte Road Tower, MN 55790	jaylen.strong@boisforte-nsn.gov	(218)753-6017	Joe Sedarski, HDR	6/2/2026 1:20 pm	Sedarski left a voice message. Sedarski also sent a follow up email after the voice message. At 4:23 pm THPO Strong responded via email to Sedarski email and had no additional information on the Project and defers to the tribal communities that are closer to this project.
Evan Schroeder	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	1720 Big Lake Rd Cloquet, MN 55720	evanschroeder@fdlband.com (email is not correct) evanschroeder@fdlband.org (email from Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa website)	(218)878-7129	Joe Sedarski, HDR	6/2/2026 1:22 pm 6/3/2026 9:20 am (2 nd email sent)	Sedarski left a voice message. Sedarski also sent a follow up email after the voice message and received a message that email is not correct. On June 3, 2026, Sedarski sent email to new email for THPO Schroeder (see Email cell with correct email).
Rob Hull	Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	P.O. Box 428 Grand Portage, MN 55608	thpo@grandportage.com	(218)475-0111	Joe Sedarski, HDR	6/2/2026 1:24 pm	Sedarski left a voice message. Sedarski also sent a follow up email after the voice message.
Cheyenne St. John	Lower Sioux Indian Community	P.O. Box 308 Morton, MN 56270	cheyanne.stjohn@lowersioux.com	(507)697-8672	Joe Sedarski, HDR	6/2/2026 1:26 pm	Sedarki left a voice message. Sedarski also sent a follow up email after the voice message.
Mike Wilson	Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	43408 Oodena Drive Onamia, MN 56539	mike.wilson@millelacsband.com	(320)532-7780	Joe Sedarski, HDR	6/2/2026 1:30 pm	Sedarski left a voice message. Sedarski also sent a follow up email after the voice message.
George Branchaud	Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians	P.O Box 274 Red Lake, MN 56671	George_branchaude@redlakenation.org (incorrect email) george_branchaud@redlakenation.org (corrected email)	(218)679-1687	Jen Hanley, HDR	6/2/26 9:44am	Hanley reached THPO Branchaud by phone. His email address was incorrect. It has been corrected in the Project records, and the April 2026 email and November 2025 letter were sent to him on 6/2/26. He indicated that the Project was far away and that he would decline further notification but he would review the letter sent by email.
Samantha Odegard	Upper Sioux Community	P.O. Box 147 Granite Falls, MN 56241	samanthao@uppersiouxcommunity-nsn.gov	(320)564-6334	Jen Hanley, HDR	6/2/26 10:35am	Received THPO Odegard's out of office message and request that the THPO office be contacted if there are questions in her absence. Hanley left a voicemail for THPO Odegard and sent the April 2026 email and November 2025 letter to thpo@uppersiouxcommunity-nsn.gov on 6/2/26 as directed by her out of office message.
Jacob Syverson/William Chinana	White Earth Nation	P.O. Box 418 White Earth, MN 56591	jacob.syverson@whiteearth-nsn.gov william.chinana@whiteearth-nsn.gov	(218)935-3503	Jen Hanley, HDR	6/2/26 1:01pm	Hanley spoke with Jacob Syverson who asked that the April 2026 email and November 2025 letter be resent to him (email sent 6/2/26). He indicated White Earth Nation has a new full time THPO, William Chinana, and he forwarded the email to him on 6/2/26.
THPO	Non-MN Native American Tribal Nation	Address	Email	Phone Number	Caller	Date & Time	Summary of Call
William Quackenbush	Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin	W9814 Airport Road Black River Falls, WI 54615	bill.quackenbush@ho-chunk.com	(715) 284-7181	Jen Hanley, HDR	6/2/26 1:21pm	Hanley left a voicemail for THPO Quackenbush. He is out of the office the remainder of the week. Hanley resent the April 2026 email and November 2025 by email on 6/2/26.
Roland Warner	Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	601 E College Road Thunder Clan Building Winnebago, NE 68071	roland.warner@winnebagotribe.com	(402) 257-5587 ext. 2600	Jen Hanley, HDR	6/2/26 1:32pm	Hanley left a message with an admin. She asked that the email and letter be resent to THPO Warner. Hanley resent the email on 6/2/26 and left her contact information for the THPO.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Gustav Gerhardson certifies that on the 5th day of June 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 **Tribal Correspondence Compliance Filing** 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
Gustav Gerhardson

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8	Christine	Marquis	regulatory.records@xcelenergy.com	Xcel Energy		414 Nicollet Mall MN1180-07-MCA Minneapolis MN, 55401 United States	Electronic Service		Yes	TL-26-135
9	Shantal	Pai	spai@fredlaw.com	Fredrikson & Byron, PA		60 S 6th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55407 Minneapolis MN, 55417-1208 United States	Electronic Service		No	TL-26-135
10	Generic Notice	Residential Utilities Division	residential.utilities@ag.state.mn.us		Office of the Attorney General - Residential Utilities Division	1400 BRM Tower 445 Minnesota St St. Paul MN, 55101-2131 United States	Electronic Service		Yes	TL-26-135
11	Lauren	Steinhaeuser	lauren.steinhaeuser@xcelenergy.com	Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy		414 Nicollet Mall, 401-08 Minneapolis MN, 55401 United States	Electronic Service		Yes	TL-26-135