

June 10, 2024

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

RE: **Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce**
Docket No. E002, E254/SA-24-196

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Attached are the comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) in the following matter:

In the Matter of the Compensation and Orderly Transfer Agreement Between Northern States Power Company and Janesville Municipal Utilities.

Northern States Power Company filed the petition on May 10, 2024.

The filing constitutes a joint request on behalf of Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, and Janesville Municipal Utilities (collectively the Parties) seeking approval of a Compensation and Orderly Transfer Agreement (the Agreement) between the two parties. The Agreement allows the permanent boundary change where Janesville Municipal Utilities (Janesville) receives 12 residential lots of service territory from Xcel Energy's service territory.

The Parties further agreed on compensation for loss-of-revenues as a result of the permanent territory transfer. Janesville will make a one-time payment to Xcel Energy. The details of the payment are discussed in Schedule A of the filing.

The Department concludes that the Joint Request meets the Commission's requirements regarding service area transfers as indicated on the attached checklist and appears to be in order. Therefore, the Department requests MNGEO update the service territory map, to reflect the changes on the map as provided.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dr. Sydnie Lieb
Assistant Commissioner of Regulatory Analysis

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Attachment



Before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

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CHECKLIST FOR PROCESSING AGREED UPON SERVICE AREA TRANSFERS AND EXCEPTIONS

- ☒ A cover letter with the submitter's full contact information, including where to provide electronic service.
- ☒ A joint letter explaining the change.
 - ☒ Contact information for both utilities: Name, title, phone number, work address, email. Cover Letter Pg. 2 - 3 and Petition Pg. 2 - 4.
 - ☒ Contact information, of the individual who will update the electronic service territory map. Cover Letter Pg. 3.
 - ☒ Legal description of the property. Schedule A, Pg. 2.
 - ☒ Short explanation of why the agreement is consistent with Minn. Stat. § 216B.39. Petition Pg. 3.

Filing is related to:

- ☒ Several permanent boundary changes, or
- ☐ Service by exception. The parties agree the limited right to serve by exception does not convey permanent rights to serve the exception area.
- ☒ Settlement Agreement, if applicable. Schedule A.
 - ☒ If yes, signed by authorized representatives of both utilities. Schedule A Pg. 5.
- ☒ A digital (PDF) map with the proposed transfer or exception clearly outlined. Schedule A, Pg. 6 - 7
- ☐ Transfer or exception takes place on one of the Federally Recognized Tribal Nations in Minnesota. Not applicable for this filing.
 - ☐ If yes, utility documented consultation with the affected Tribal Nation at page ____.
- ☒ Affected customers received written notice, including utility and Commission contact information. Table with type and number of customers affected and notice date(s). Schedules B & C.