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December 3, 2019

—Via Electronic Filing—

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

RE: NOTIFICATION OF ACQUISITION AFFECTING OWNERSHIP OF THE LARGE WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM SITE PERMIT FOR THE 100.2 MW LAKE BENTON POWER PARTNERS II WIND ENERGY PROJECT IN PIPESTONE COUNTY

REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF THE SITE PERMIT FOR THE LARGE WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM FOR THE 100.2 MW LAKE BENTON POWER PARTNERS II WIND ENERGY PROJECT
DOCKET NO. IP-6903/WS-18-179

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Pursuant to Minn. Rules 7854.1400 and 7850.5000 and the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) August 22, 2018, ORDER ISSUING SITE PERMIT AND TAKING OTHER ACTION and March 14, 2019 ORDER AMENDING SITE PERMIT in Docket IP-6903/WS-18-179 (Site Permit Orders), Lake Benton Power Partners II, LLC (Lake Benton or Permittee) and Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (NSPM or the Company) jointly submit this Notice of Acquisition of Lake Benton Power Partners II and Request to Transfer the Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) Site Permit issued for the 100.2 MW Lake Benton Power Partners II in Pipestone County.

The Company requests the following persons be placed on the Commission's official service list for this docket:

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BACKGROUND

On May 3, 2018, Lake Benton Power Partners II, LLC filed a Site Permit application in Docket No. IP-6903/WS-18-179 with the Commission for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216E.03, subd. 1.

On August 22, 2018, the Commission entered the Order issuing a Site Permit for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Pipestone County, Minnesota (Site Permit) to Lake Benton Power Partners II, and on March 14, 2019, the Commission issued its Order amending the Site Permit.

NOTICE OF ACQUISITION

The Lake Benton Wind II LWECS is a repowering of an existing wind facility and will be built on approximately 25,597 acres of agricultural land in Fountain Prairie, Aetna, and Rock Townships, in Pipestone County, Minnesota.

Pursuant to Section 14.0 of the Site Permit, Lake Benton Wind Power Partners II, as Permittee, is required to notify the Commission of a change in the owner(s) of the majority financial or governance interests in the Permittee.

With this filing, NSPM and Lake Benton Wind Power Partners II provide notice to the Commission that on November 15, 2019 the companies closed on the sale of Lake Benton Wind II LWECS to NSPM, and as such, NSPM has assumed ownership of Lake Benton Wind II LWECS development assets, including the Lake Benton Wind II LWECS.

REQUEST TO TRANSFER SITE PERMIT

Pursuant to Minn. Rule 7854.1400 and Section 14.0 of the Site Permit, Lake Benton Wind Power Partners II, as Permittee for the LWECS, requests approval to transfer the Site Permit to NSPM. In support of this request, Lake Benton Wind Power Partners provides the following information:

- *Name of the existing permittee:* Lake Benton Wind Power Partners, LLC.
- *Name and description of the person to whom the permit is to be transferred:* Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, which is a public utility operating subsidiary of Xcel Energy Inc., a registered public utility holding company.
- *Reasons for the transfer:* On November 15, 2019, NSPM and Lake Benton Wind Power Partners II closed on the sale of Lake Benton Wind II LWECS. In

connection with that transaction, NSPM and Lake Benton Power Partners II are seeking to transfer the Site and Route Permits to NSPM.

- *Description of the facilities affected:* All facilities described in Sections 2.0-2.2 of the Site Permit.
- *Requested date of the transfer:* January 10, 2020.

As supported by the Affidavit of Christopher B. Clark submitted herewith, NSPM, as Transferee for the LWECs, states that it can and will comply with the conditions of the Site and Route Permits.

Lake Benton Wind Power Partners II and NSPM state that they will provide notice of this request to those persons identified by the Commission as persons interested in the matter.

Please contact Pamela Gibbs at pamela.k.gibbs@xcelenergy.com or 612-330-2889 or Bria Shea at bria.e.shea@xcelenergy.com or 612-330-6064 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Date: December 3, 2019

Lake Benton Wind II LLC
Northern States Power Company

c: Service List

REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF
THE LARGE WIND ENERGY
CONVERSION SYSTEM SITE
PERMIT ISSUED FOR THE 100.2
MW LAKE BENTON WIND PROJECT

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AFFIDAVIT OF CHRISTOPHER B. CLARK

Christopher B. Clark, under oath, states:

1. I am employed by Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (NSP or the Company), which is a public utility operating subsidiary of Xcel Energy Inc., a registered public utility holding company. My business address is 414 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401. My title is President – Northern States Power Company – Minnesota.

2. I have more than 20 years of experience in the public utility industry and have worked extensively in connection with the Company's purchases and construction of wind energy generation facilities. The Company's engineering and construction team has extensive experience in the field of engineering and construction of electric power infrastructure.

3. I am submitting this Affidavit in support of the Company's request for the transfer of the Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit Issued for the 100.2 MW Lake Benton Wind Project (Site Permit), which was originally granted by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) in Docket No. IP-6903/WS-18-179 to Lake Benton Wind Power Partners LLC.

4. I have reviewed all of the terms and conditions of the Site Permit.

5. The Company agrees to abide by all of the terms and conditions of the Site Permit and stands ready, willing and able to perform the obligations stated therein.

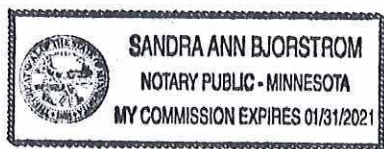
6. I have authority to bind the Company in the commitments made in this Affidavit.

Dated this 26 day of November, 2019.



Christopher B. Clark
President – NSPM

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 26th day of November, 2019.



Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 1-31-21

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Paget Pengelly, hereby certify that I have this day served copies of the foregoing document on the attached list of persons.

xx by depositing a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at Minneapolis, Minnesota; or

xx by electronic filing.

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Dated this 3rd day of December 2019.

/s/

Paget Pengelly
Regulatory Administrator

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