

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY)
FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT 6.5 MILES)
OF 115 KV TRANSMISSION LINE AND)
ASSOCIATED MODIFICATIONS TO THE)
BROOKINGS COUNTY SUBSTATION)

JOINT MOTION FOR
APPROVAL OF
STIPULATION

EL08-001

Northern States Power Company, the Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, and the Brookings County Commission collectively referred to as Parties, hereby file the above referenced Joint Motion for Approval of Stipulation with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The Parties propose that the Commission adopt the Stipulation as the settlement and resolution of all the issues in this proceeding. In support of this Motion, the Parties submit as follows:

1. This Motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19.
2. The Stipulation resolves all of the issues in Docket No. EL08-001.
3. The Stipulation represents the conclusion of the undersigned parties that it is in the best interests of the Parties and the general public to reach a negotiated settlement of specific issues in this docket and that the terms of the Stipulation agreed upon are just, fair, and reasonable, and consistent with South Dakota law.

For the foregoing reasons, the undersigned parties jointly request the Commission to grant the Joint Motion for Approval of Stipulation, adopt the Stipulation without modification and approve the permit to construct.

Northern States Power Company

SD Public Utilities Commission

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