

ROAD AND RIGHT-OF-WAY BOND

Bond No. 190056035

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, **Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**, hereinafter called the Principal, and **Liberty Mutual Insurance Company**, as Surety, are jointly and severally held and firmly bound into the **South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") in favor of and for the benefit of, such townships, counties, or other governmental entities whose property is crossed by the transmission facility permitted in EL10-016** hereinafter collectively called the Obligee, in the sum of **Five Hundred Thousand and No/100—Dollars—(\$500,000.00)---** lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which sum we bind ourselves and our successors, heirs, administrators or personal representatives, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, Principal has received a permit from the Commission as set forth in the Commission's Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation and Granting Permit to Construct Facilities in Docket EL10-016 ("Order"). The Order incorporated by reference the Settlement Stipulation executed by Principal and the Commission staff on June 6 and 7, 2011 ("Stipulation"). In accordance with the Stipulation and Order, in particular paragraph 7 of Section 3, Terms and Conditions of the Settlement Stipulation ("Conditions"), Principal has negotiated or will negotiate an agreement or agreements with, and has applied or will apply for a permit, permits, or permission to do work within and utilize the public right-of-way, roads, highways, bridges or other related facilities of, all such South Dakota townships, counties, and other governmental entities whose property is crossed by the transmission facilities described in the Stipulation and Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of this bond is such that is said Principal shall during the continuance of such permit, permits, or permission faithfully perform and comply with all of the provisions of the Stipulation dealing with public roads, highways, bridges, or other related facilities, particularly Conditions 7, 8, 10, and 27, and said agreements, permits, or permissions, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

This Bond shall remain in effect until released by the Commission in accordance with Condition 27 of the Stipulation and shall not be cancelled by Surety prior to such time. Regardless of the amount of time that this bond remains in effect, in no event will the liability of the Surety exceed the sum stated above.

Dated at St. Louis, Missouri and Minneapolis, Minnesota, this **23rd** day of **May, 2024**.

PRINCIPAL

SURETY

Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

By: Dave Berklund
Berklund
Date: 2024.05.28
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By: Cynthia L. Choren
Cynthia L. Choren, Attorney-In-Fact

Northern States Power Company

State of Missouri }
County of St. Louis } ss:

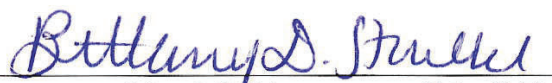
On May 23, 2024, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared

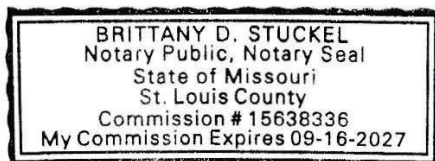
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known to me to be Attorney-in-Fact of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
the corporation described in and that executed the within and foregoing instrument, and known to me to be the person who executed the said instrument in behalf of the said corporation, and he duly acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year stated in this certificate above.

My Commission Expires September 16, 2027


Brittany D. Stuckel Notary Public





This Power of Attorney limits the acts of those named herein, and they have no authority to bind the Company except in the manner and to the extent herein stated.

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
West American Insurance Company

Certificate No: 8204866

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOWN ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, that Liberty Mutual Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, and West American Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana (herein collectively called the "Companies"), pursuant to and by authority herein set forth, does hereby name, constitute and appoint, Cynthia L. Choren

all of the city of St. Louis, state of Missouri each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver, for and on its behalf as surety and as its act and deed, any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations, in pursuance of these presents and shall be as binding upon the Companies as if they have been duly signed by the president and attested by the secretary of the Companies in their own proper persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney has been subscribed by an authorized officer or official of the Companies and the corporate seals of the Companies have been affixed thereto this 15th day of February, 2021.

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
West American Insurance Company



By: David M. Carey

David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA ss
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

On this 15th day of February, 2021, before me personally appeared David M. Carey, who acknowledged himself to be the Assistant Secretary of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, The Ohio Casualty Company, and West American Insurance Company, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, execute the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, on the day and year first above written.



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public
Montgomery County
My commission expires March 28, 2025
Commission number 1126044
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

By: Teresa Pastella
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-laws and Authorizations of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company which resolutions are now in full force and effect reading as follows:

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS: Section 12. Power of Attorney.

Any officer or other official of the Corporation authorized for that purpose in writing by the Chairman or the President, and subject to such limitation as the Chairman or the President may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Corporation to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Corporation. When so executed, such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the President and attested to by the Secretary. Any power or authority granted to any representative or attorney-in-fact under the provisions of this article may be revoked at any time by the Board, the Chairman, the President or by the officer or officers granting such power or authority.

ARTICLE XIII - Execution of Contracts: Section 5. Surety Bonds and Undertakings.

Any officer of the Company authorized for that purpose in writing by the chairman or the president, and subject to such limitations as the chairman or the president may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Company. When so executed such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the president and attested by the secretary.

Certificate of Designation – The President of the Company, acting pursuant to the Bylaws of the Company, authorizes David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary to appoint such attorneys-in-fact as may be necessary to act on behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations.

Authorization – By unanimous consent of the Company's Board of Directors, the Company consents that facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any assistant secretary of the Company, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company in connection with surety bonds, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

I, Renee C. Llewellyn, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary, of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company do hereby certify that this power of attorney executed by said Companies is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies this 23rd day of May, 2024.



By: Renee C. Llewellyn

Renee C. Llewellyn, Assistant Secretary

Not valid for mortgage, note, loan, letter of credit, currency rate, interest rate or residual value guarantees.

For bond and/or Power of Attorney (POA) verification inquiries, please call 610-832-8240 or email HOSUR@libertymutual.com.