

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

REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF THE LARGE
WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM
SITE PERMIT FOR THE 302.4 MW
DAKOTA RANGE I AND II WIND
ENERGY FACILITY

Docket No. EL18-003

**AFFIDAVIT OF DARIN W.
SCHOTTLER**

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

I, Darin W. Schottler, being first duly sworn under oath, state and allege as follows:

1. I am employed by Xcel Energy Services, Inc., which is a subsidiary of Xcel Energy Inc., a registered public utility holding company, and an affiliate of Northern States Power Company (NSP, or the Company). My business address is 414 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401. My title is Director of Regional Capital Projects.

2. I am providing this Affidavit pursuant to Permit Condition 1 of the Site Permit issued by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) July 23, 2018 in its Final Decision and Order Granting Permit to Construct Wind Energy Facility; Notice of Entry. I have personal knowledge of the information attested to below.

3. The Company has received 73 Determinations of No Hazard (one for each turbine) from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The forms documenting each turbine construction completion were submitted to the FAA beginning on July 1, 2021 through October 27, 2021 when the final turbine was completed. The individual Determinations of No Hazard are available upon request.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Dated this 8 day of November, 2021.


Darin W. Schottler

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 8th day of November, 2021.

Gopal Patel

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 31st January 2025

