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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Kathleen Sheehy
Administrative Law Judge
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**Re: In the Matter of the Application for a Route Permit for the CapX2020
Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse High Voltage Transmission Lines
MPUC Docket No. E-022/TL-09-1448
OAH Docket No. 7-2500-20283-2**

Dear Judge Sheehy:

Enclosed is a 23-page mapbook showing potential alignments along US 52 for the 345 kV transmission line between the Hampton Substation and County Road 7, northwest of Zumbrota. As noted in Tom Hillstrom's Rebuttal Testimony, these "25-foot" alignments were developed in response to Minnesota Department of Transportation's ("Mn/DOT") statements that it would apply freeway requirements to US 52 which would mean that no permanent overhang of road right-of-way by the facilities would be permitted absent the granting of an exception.

The Applicant Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation ("Xcel Energy"), notes that in one area, the interchange of US 52 and Highway 19, a 25-foot setback from road right-of-way does not appear to be possible within the proposed route width without removing an existing home. *See* Sheetmap 9. As a result, Xcel Energy is requesting that a wider route width, as shown on Sheetmap 9, be approved. To facilitate development of this option in the record and to ensure potentially affected landowners have an opportunity to participate in the Route Permit proceeding, on Friday, Mr. Hillstrom called and mailed written notices of hearing to the 12 landowners adjacent to the new alignment. The notice and affidavit of mailing are also enclosed. Xcel Energy will also be mailing a copy of Sheetmap 9 to these landowners.

Xcel Energy intends to offer the mapbook and the affidavit of mailing as exhibits at trial.

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Sincerely,

/s/ Lisa M. Agrimonti

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Enclosures
cc: Service List

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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Diane Bailey-Andersen certifies that on the 13th day of June 2011, she filed true and correct copies of a **Northern States Power Company Letter** by posting it on www.edockets.state.mn.us. Said document was also served via U.S. Mail and e-mail as designated on the Official Service List on file with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in the above-referenced docket.

/s/ Diane Bailey-Andersen'
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