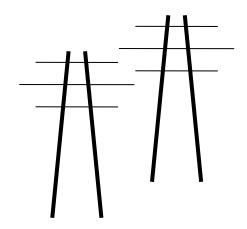
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RE: Second Petition for Intervention

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Northern States Power Company Rate Case

PUC Docket No. E002/CI-15-826

Dear Judge Oxley:

Attached please find Second Petition for Intervention of Carol A. Overland (as individual) and No CapX 2020.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require anything further.

Very truly yours,

Carol A. Overland Attorney at Law

Enclosure: Second Petition for Intervention

cc: Parties and others eServed via eDockets

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in the State of Minnesota OAH Docket No. 19-2500-33074 PUC Docket No. E002/GR-15-826

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I, Carol A. Overland, hereby certify that I have this day, served copies of the attached No CapX 2020 and Carol A. Overland Second Petition for Intervention by electronic filing eService, and U.S. Mail to ALJ Oxley at OAH.

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# BEFORE THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS for the MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in the State of Minnesota OAH Docket No. 19-2500-33074 PUC Docket No. E002/GR-15-826

### PETITION FOR INTERVENTION

No CapX 2020 and Carol A. Overland hereby make this second Petition for Intervention as full parties, with all the rights of a party, in the above-captioned Northern States Power (hereinafter "NSP") rate case docket, after the initial Petition, filed December 23, 2015, was denied without prejudice. No CapX 2020 and Carol A. Overland request leave to intervene as provided generally by Minn. R. 7829.0800 and specifically in Minn. R. 7843.0300, Subp. 7, and pursuant to the Commission's Order of December 22, 2015, and Office of Administrative Hearings' intervention rule, Minn. R. 1400.6200.

# I. OVERLAND AND NO CAPX 2020 ARE XCEL ENERGY RATEPAYERS Carol A. Overland is an Xcel Energy ratepayer in the City of Red Wing,

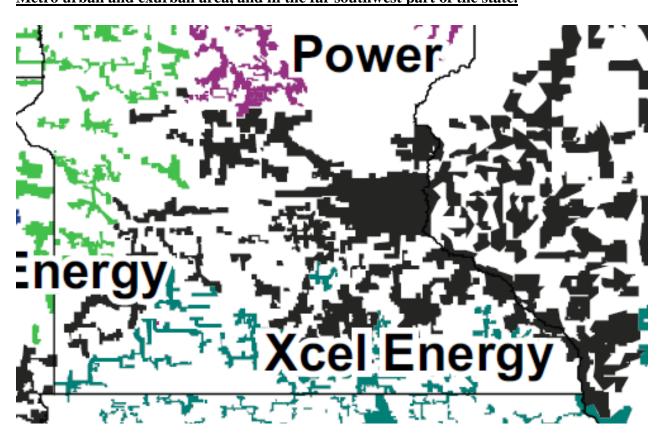
Minnesota.<sup>1</sup> Overland, as attorney for parties and participants in transmission proceedings before the Public Utilities Commission has an interest in transmission cost recovery, cost apportionment, state and federal jurisdiction, opposes a shift from CWIP to general rates as proposed by Xcel Energy, and opposes use of a multi-year rate based on Xcel Energy's business

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Attachment, Overland's most recent Xcel Energy statement.

plan rather than demonstrated costs.

No CapX 2020 is a Minnesota non-profit business organization<sup>2</sup> in good standing, established in August, 2008. Members of No CapX 2020 are Xcel Energy ratepayers specifically formed to intervene in the CapX 2020 Certificate of Need docket to address transmission issues related to CapX 2020 and subsequently to address transmission issues related to MISO's 17 project MVP Portfolio. No CapX 2020's Board members are Xcel Energy ratepayers, and general members and supporters are primarily landowners affected by transmission who are scattered across Minnesota and in various parts of Xcel Energy service territory, focused in southeastern Minnesota and along the Mississippi River, in the Metro urban and exurban area, and in the far southwest part of the state. <sup>3</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> No CapX 2020 was organized under Minn. Stat. Ch. 317A, File No. 2964905-2, on August 11, 2008.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See <u>Edison Electric Institute member companies service territories map</u>, Xcel Energy service territory represented in black.

No CapX 2020 has intervened in many transmission dockets before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and Wisconsin Public Service Commission, including CapX 2020 Certificate of Need and Routing dockets, ITC Midwest Certificate of Need and Routing dockets, and regular participation in Commission rulemakings, notably Minn. R. Ch. 7849 (Need) and Minn. R. Ch. 7850 (Routing), ongoing for over two years, and has submitted comments in response to the OAH request for comments on a Minn. R. 1405 rulemaking. No CapX has also filed Amicus Briefs in Buy the Farm cases before the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court.

## II. OVERLAND AND NO CAPX 2020 INTERESTS WILL BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE OUTCOME OF THIS RATE CASE.

Carol A. Overland (hereinafter "Overland") is, again, an Xcel Energy ratepayer in the City of Red Wing, Minnesota. Overland's interests are directly affected by the outcome of this proceeding as a ratepayer and specifically because Overland's interest in this proceeding is in the impact on rates of transmission cost apportionment and rate recovery, state and federal jurisdiction and rate impacts of Xcel's requested shift of transmission costs from CWIP to general rates, rate impacts of adoption of some or all of e21 Initiative as set forth in filings in this docket, and other interests including strong opposition to use of a multi-year rate plan.

Overland is a Minnesota attorney who for the last 20 years has focused on interests in the "big picture" of energy, need for transmission, and the role of bulk power transmission of coal generated electricity cross country. Overland has represented numerous individuals and organizations, including No CapX 2020, before the Commission in Certificate of Need, Routing, Power Plant Siting, Power Purchase Agreement, rulemaking, PPSA Annual Hearings, and other proceedings in various other jurisdictions and venues, from New Jersey's Susquehanna-Roseland line, Delaware's RFP docket with competing coal gasification, gas and wind and the DOE's NEITC program with Green Delaware, the DOE §1222 proposal of Plains & Eastern Clean Line

through Arkansas, and monitoring the rehearing and settlement efforts in the PJM cost allocation docket at FERC. Overland has also regularly attended and participated in transmission planning groups, local government transmission planning and zoning, and in successful renewable energy grant writing. Overland has appeared before House and Senate Energy and other committees and argued against the legislative shift from state authority toward federal authority and regional transmission; statutory incentives for the regional transmission build-out; the construction work in progress rider; repeal of the "alternate site mandate" and utility exemptions from Ch. 117; and for equitable compensation in eminent domain proceedings which has an impact on transmission cost, and for a direct link between Renewable Energy Standard/Portfolio and shut down of fossil fuel, all of which have a direct impact on cost of electricity and rates.

This combined effort in this intervention pools interest, skills, resources and time to participate in this intensive rate case docket.<sup>4</sup>

# III. OVERLAND AND NO CAPX 2020 INTERESTS ARE DISTINCT FROM ANY OTHER PARTY, AND NO PARTICIPATING PARTY REPRESENTS THESE INTERESTS IN THIS CASE.

Overland's and No CapX 2020's interests in this rate case are particularized due to participation in transmission dockets. These interests are beyond a general interest, and as above, focus on, but are not limited to, opposition to a shift to use of a Muli-Year Rate Plan, transmission and distribution cost apportionment and cost recovery, Xcel Energy's request to shift transmission cost recovery from CWIP to general rates, and other transmission rate recovery issues. For example, particular interests of Overland and No CapX 2020 include:

• NSP claims that the CapX 2020 Fargo and Brookings projects are "in service" but does not claim that they are "used and useful." No CapX has concerns as to whether they are indeed "used and useful."

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See, for example, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy representation of parties and as intervenor in multiple dockets such as CapX 2020 CoN (06-1115) and previous Northern States Power rate case (13-868).

- NSP has requested to recover costs of CapX 2020 Brookings Project and Fargo Project in base rates, shifting from the construction work in progress Transmission Cost Recovery rider to general rates. NSP analogizes this rate recovery with the within-Minnesota MERP project, and now requests similar recovery in its Multi-Year Plan.
- Interest in rate recovery plan for the other CapX projects.
- Interest in prevention of double-recovery in TCR rider and general rates.
- MISO's FERC authorized rate of return is roughly 12.38%, and this rate of return is currently at issue at FERC. What rate would NSP seek under its Minnesota general rates?
- The Brookings CapX project is a "Multi-Value" project. No CapX is concerned about cost recovery for "Multi-Value" projects, which are projects that are presented as a portfolio where under a FERC approved MISO tariff each transmission zone is responsible for a percentage of the revenue requirement for the group of 17 projects, not just those within its zone area.
- Interest in the equity of rate recovery authorized by FERC under Schedule 26A, and others, and how this will be treated under the Commission's jurisdiction.
- NSP proposes recovery schemes that raise jurisdictional issues between Minnesota v/and FERC for MVP Portfolio projects.
- NSP argues that regional transmission expenses, in FERC Accounts 565, 566 and 575 "could be considered capital-related," or not, and revenue from shared facilities is reported in FERC 456, and the Commission should carefully scrutinize these accounts and any others and consider the different rate recovery schemes and allowed return.
- Life Cycle Management and Extended Power Uprate costs are at issue, and as a resident of Red Wing with standing to intervene in Nuclear Regulatory Commission dockets, in addition to being an Xcel Energy ratepayer, Overland has a unique interest in issues related to nuclear generation at the Prairie Island nuclear plant.

These and other issues are ones of concern to Overland and No CapX 2020, many of which were raised by intervenors and participants, including Overland and No CapX 2020, in other proceedings, but which were appropriately not addressed because the cost allocation scheme and rate recovery had not yet been set, and because those dockets were need and transmission

dockets, not a rate case. Overland and No CapX Petitions to intervene to address these and other issues in this rate case.

No CapX 2020 and Overland's interests are indeed unique, or "peculiar" and particular, a specific and targeted perspective taken from a position different than any other intervenors. Other likely intervenors, such as Wind on the Wires, Fresh Energy, Izaak Walton League, and MCEA have received millions of dollars to promote regulatory and legislative changes to facilitate transmission generally, <sup>5</sup> a shift to increased federal jurisdiction, to participate in development of FERC approved MISO tariffs for cost apportionment and cost recovery, and incentives for and promotion of the CapX 2020 and MISO MVP transmission build-out.<sup>6</sup> On the other hand, No CapX 2020 and Carol A. Overland, as individual and as attorney for intervenors, have opposed the transmission build-out, and opposed extraction of costs from Minnesota ratepayers, because construction of transmission is a revenue-seeking and driven activity, and an exercise which shifts the burden of construction and costs to other than those transmission owners and utilities benefitting from the construction and operation of transmission, and which facilitates construction of transmission for a private purpose, profit and economic benefit, rather than a public purpose. No CapX is interested in the shift of focus from native load to market transactions, and jurisdictional issues present in the subtle and not-so-subtle shifting toward legitimization of "regional" planning and federal transmission permitting and rate authority, and away from state and Commission authority.

Most of the other likely intervenors were participants in the Xcel driven e21 Initiative, where consensus was reached regarding a Multi Year Rate Plan and "performance outcomes."<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Minnesota 2005 Session Laws Ch. 97 S.F. 1368, re: transmission only companies, CWIP, regional need, online: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/?year=2005&type=0&doctype=Chapter&id=97

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See e.g., Merger Stipulation para. 4, December 15, 1999; Settlement Agreement TRANSLINK PUC Docket 02-2152; Wind on the Wires funding; RE-AMP funding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See e21 Final Report: https://www.betterenergy.org/sites/www.betterenergy.org/files/e21\_Initiative\_Phase\_I\_Report\_2014.pdf.

2) Shifting away from a regulatory system that rewards the sale of electricity and building large, capital-intensive power plants and other facilities toward one that rewards utilities for achieving an **agreed-upon set of performance outcomes** that the public and customers want (e.g., energy efficiency, reliability, affordability, emissions reductions, predictable rates, etc.)

e21 Final Report, p. 9. Because an agreement is reached by a cherry picked group of funded participants does not mean that it is in the public interest and does not mean that there is no negative impact or a beneficial impact on ratepayers. It only means that there is sufficient incentive and effort to obtain "stakeholder" consensus, and nothing more. The participants in e21 represent interests other than those of Overland and No CapX 2020.

Overland was one of few to testify against the e21 Initiative before Senate and House Committees, and OAG-RUD testified against it as well, and though the room was packed with the usual intervenors in rate cases, the "participants" or "stakeholders" were SILENT and did not testify against it. Minn. Stat. §216B.16, Sub. 19. The e21 Final Report lists those participating in the effort that reached consensus on the Multi-Year Rate Plan, in particular, representatives of potential intervenors Fresh Energy and Wind on the Wires (and because MCEA is likely representing these and other "parties," there can be no divergence of position without impermissible conflict). Overland, also representing No CapX 2020, participated in the Citizens' League e21 effort and there strongly opposed e21 Initiative positions, which notably did NOT reach consensus and did not support the e21 legislation. Thus, the No CapX 2020 and Overland positions and perspective on transmission construction, cost apportionment, cost recovery, CWIP, FERC v. state jurisdiction, etc., are specific, particular, "peculiar," and are very different from those of the "usual suspects" who may or may not intervene in this rate case docket.

Xcel relies also on participation by Commerce to object to No CapX 2020 and Overland participation, claiming that:

Petitioners have also failed to demonstrate that their interests will not be adequately represented by the Department. As the Commission has recognized, concerns "common to the general ratepayers ... are properly represented by the Department,".

Previous Xcel Objection, p. 4. Commerce is indeed a party as an "intervenor as of right" and intervenes to address "concerns common to the general ratepayers," although Xcel mistakenly cites to the Resource Planning rule. However, Overland and No CapX make no claim to represent the "general ratepayers" represented by Commerce, nor does Overland and No CapX claim to have the interests or concerns of Commerce. Conversely, No CapX and Overland have laid out multiple specific, or "peculiar" concerns not addressed by any other party. There is no inkling, much less any guarantee, that the Dept. of Commerce will advocate and represent the "peculiar" interests and perspective of No CapX 2020 and Overland, nor is there any inkling, much less any guarantee, that OAG-RUD will advocate and represent those interests. Worth noting is that Bill Grant, Deputy Commissioner of Energy and Telecommunications, Dept. of Commerce, was a participant<sup>8</sup> in the "e21 Initiative" and as a representative of Commerce was part of the consensus reached by that "e21 Initiative" group which included advocating adoption and promotion of a Multi-Year Rate Plan, not opposition to it. Grant directs the Energy activities of the Dept. of Commerce, and it is not clear whether Commerce participation will be in line with the e21 Initiative consensus or if it will vary from that position. Commerce does not represent the interests or perspective of Overland and No CapX 2020.

### IV. OVERLAND AND NO CAPX 2020 REQUEST FULL PARTY STATUS IN THIS RATE CASE.

Under the provisions of Minn. R. 7829.0800 and Minn. R. 7843.0300, Subp. 7, and Minn. R. 1400.6200, No CapX 2020 makes this Petition for intervention as a full party, with all the

https://www.betterenergy.org/sites/www.betterenergy.org/files/e21\_Initiative\_Phase\_I\_Report\_2014.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See p. 4, e21 Final Report:

rights of a party, in the above-captioned proceeding. <u>As ratepayers</u><sup>9</sup>, individuals, members, and organizations working with No CapX 2020 will be directly affected by the outcome of this proceeding. As participants in transmission need and routing dockets, where cost allocation and rate structure and recovery were at issue, these rate related issues were raised by parties but were appropriately not addressed because those dockets were not rate cases.

The interests of No CapX 2020 and Carol A. Overland are distinct from other intervenors due to our freedom from funding incentives and requirements to advocate certain issues and positions, non-participation in the e21 Initiative and consensus regarding its policies, and particularly promotion of transmission, transmission cost allocation and rate recovery schemes.

There are no Intervenors or parties requesting Intervention that could or would represent the distinct joint interests of No CapX.

Overland and No CapX meet the criteria for intervention and respectfully requests intervention as a full party, participating jointly, with all the rights of a party, in the above-captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 25, 2016

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<sup>9</sup> This declaration that Overland and No CapX 2020 are ratepayers was in the original Petition to Intervene.

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