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Joint Application of Dairyland Power Cooperative,  
Northern States Power Company - Wisconsin, and  
Wisconsin Public Power Inc., for Authority to Construct  
and Place in Service 345 kV Electric Transmission Lines  
and Electric Substation Facilities for the CapX Twin Cities -  
Rochester - La Crosse Project, Located in Buffalo,  
Trempealeau, and La Crosse Counties, Wisconsin

5-CE-136

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is a printed copy of an application filed with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) for the Alma – La Crosse portion of the CapX 2020 Hampton – Rochester – La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project (Application). It is being filed by Northern States Power Company (Xcel Energy), Dairyland Power Cooperative, and Wisconsin Public Power Inc. (the Applicants). This is the final version and replaces previous versions of the Application. The Applicants seek authority to construct, own, and operate new transmission facilities in order to meet future local load-serving needs for La Crosse, Alma, Buffalo City, Fountain City, Arcadia, Galesville, Trempealeau, Holmen, Onalaska and surrounding areas. The Project would involve construction of a 345kV transmission line crossing of the Mississippi River at Alma Wisconsin and would continue to a new substation near Holmen Wisconsin. The Project would be 40 to 55 miles long depending on the route chosen.

Pursuant to *Wis. Stat.* § 196.491(3)(a) and *Wis. Admin. Code* ch. PSC 111.51(4)(b)2 and 3, the Commission has directed the Applicants to send a copy of the Application to the clerk of each municipality, town and county in which the facilities would be located and to the main public library and local libraries in the Project area. Please place this Application, along with a copy of this letter, in an area where it will be available for public review until June 2016.

All documents, including this Application, filed with the Commission related to this Project may be viewed through the Electronic Regulatory Filing (ERF) System at the Commission's website, <http://psc.wi.gov/>. The docket number, 05-CE-136, is required to access the documents.



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In the future, additional correspondence will be mailed by the Commission to you, other interested parties, and all landowners potentially affected by the Project. These mailings will list your office as a location where the public may review the Project Application. If you have questions regarding this letter or the enclosed Application, please contact Tom Hillstrom (612) 330-6538, [thomas.g.hillstrom@xcelenergy.com](mailto:thomas.g.hillstrom@xcelenergy.com) or William Fannucchi (608) 267-3594, [william.fannucchi@psc.state.wi.us](mailto:william.fannucchi@psc.state.wi.us).

Very Truly Yours,

Tom Hillstrom

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T Hillstrom".

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Enclosure