

December 30, 2022

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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

Subject: **Final Application for Subsequent License for the Saxon Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2610-011) and New License for the Superior Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2587-065)**

Dear Secretary Bose:

Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation (NSPW, Licensee, or Applicant) is the owner and operator of the Saxon Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2610) and the Superior Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2587).<sup>1</sup> The Projects are located on the Montreal River in Ironwood Township in Gogebic County, Michigan and the Town of Saxon in Iron County, Wisconsin. The current licenses expire on December 31, 2024.

NSPW hereby submits the Final License Application (FLA) for the relicensing of the Saxon Falls and Superior Falls Hydroelectric Projects.<sup>2</sup> The Licensee has prepared this FLA to conform to the requirements of the Commission's regulations at 18 CFR §§ 4.38, 4.61 and 16.10 as required under the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP). The Commission approved Licensee's request to use the TLP via their letter dated February 13, 2020. Pursuant to 18 CFR § 4.38, and by copy of this letter (via email and/or US mail), the Licensee is providing a link to the Project's relicensing website at <http://hydrorelicensing.com/>.

From the above-referenced website, an electronic copy of the public documents of the FLA may be downloaded for review by relevant resource agencies, tribes, non-governmental organizations, and other interested parties included in the attached distribution list. Should stakeholders experience difficulty downloading the document, or prefer to receive an electronic version on a USB drive via US mail, they may contact Matthew Miller at 715-737-1353 or [matthew.j.miller@xcelenergy.com](mailto:matthew.j.miller@xcelenergy.com).

It should be noted that there are four documents hereby filed separately with the Commission that are unavailable to the public. Those four documents include:

- Exhibit F drawings, included in Volume 2, contain Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII). Accordingly, NSPW has filed this information with the Commission as CEII and designated it as such.

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<sup>1</sup> Throughout the documents included with this transmittal, the Saxon Falls Hydroelectric Project and Superior Falls Hydroelectric Project are individually referred to as Project or collectively as Projects.

<sup>2</sup> Since both Projects are located on the Montreal River in Michigan and Wisconsin, with the Superior Falls Project being located approximately 2 miles downstream of the Saxon Falls Project, one Application for both Projects is being submitted.

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- Appendices E-39 and E-40, included in Volume 3, contain privileged locational information for threatened and endangered species. As such, NSPW has filed said documents with the Commission and designated them as privileged information.
- Appendix E-16 contains locational information regarding archaeological sites. As such, NSPW has filed Appendix E-16 with the Commission and designated it as privileged information.

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I hereby certify that I, on behalf of Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation, have this day served by certified mail or via email with return receipt requested (if a mailing address was not available), the foregoing documents in electronic format upon each person designated on the attached distribution list.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022



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